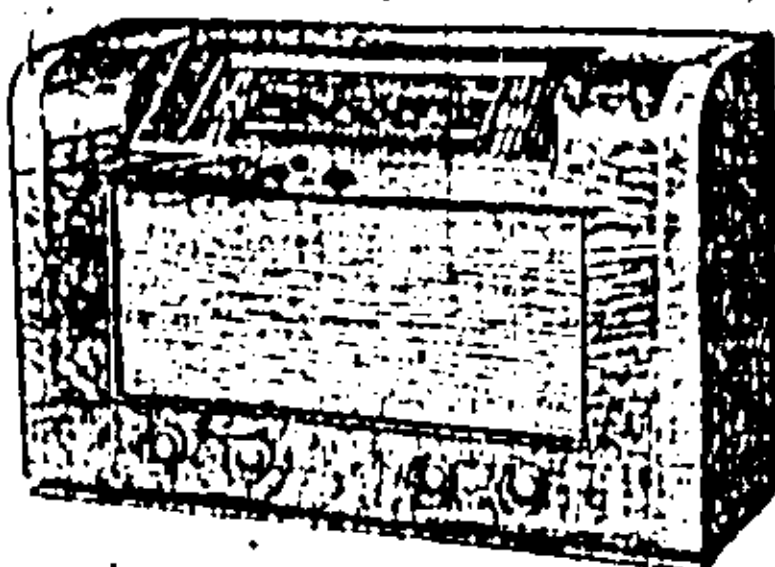


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## BRITISH CIVIL DEFENCE TO JOIN WITH MILITARY

Camberley, May 30.  
For the first time in British history, Civil Defence will be coordinated with military technique in a comprehensive scheme to protect the nation in the event of an atomic war.

Plans for a link-up of the two were disclosed today by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of Imperial General Staff, at a news conference winding up a week of annual training conferences and manoeuvres for high ranking Empire Army officers at the Camberley Staff College.

Montgomery said that the 1949 exercises—fourth of the post war period—will be devoted exclusively to a "great study of the whole problem of civil defence from every angle," called "Exercise Britannia," and already drawn up in its essentials.

It will enlist the services of the highest ranking commanders not only in the homeland but from the Dominions and Colonies.

Montgomery said he had been assured of fullest governmental support for the project and that authorities in cities heavily bombed in the last war would be called together to help the Army experts map their elaborate defensive programme.

## Wife's Wrath At Enterprising Husband

Shanghai, May 29.

A 35-year-old civil servant, Hsu Yi-cheng, today offered his corpse after death to the National Medical College for "anatomic study"—but neglected to tell his wife.

The college authorities went to Hsu's house to confirm the rather unusual offer from so young a man. His wife, who spent an agonized hour searching for her husband who, she thought, had died and whose body, she believed, doctors had come to collect.

Twilight, Hsu came home and explained that his "looking ahead" and "preparation" to his outraged wife.—United Press.

## Palestine Threat To World Oil

New York, May 29.

The world's present and future oil supplies are being endangered by the fighting in Palestine, the influential Wall Street Journal declared today.

Unless there is a quick settlement, it said in an article from Washington, "the battle over Palestine may well intensify a prospective global oil shortage in 1950 and 1951 and deliver a delayed-action crack at the United States foreign policy."

"The shortage will hamper the European Recovery Programme and thereby hinder the United States programme to 'Stop Communism.' It can also affect United States defence plans which depend on ample oil and free peacetime access to the rich Near East fields."

"If the war continues through this year, it may delay stockpiling petroleum, and it may mean less than expected oil for the United States consumer in the early 1950's."

## Playing By Ear!

"These effects will be comparatively mild if United States diplomats play their cards carefully. But if the Truman administration blunders early in handling the hot Arab-Israeli issues, the oil situation will worsen."

The article warns of the effect on supplies if the United States were to push through "sanctions" against the Arabs or to send troops to Palestine, and also declares that State Department experts are unhappy over the situation.

"The difficulty is," it adds, "that the experts do not know what the White House will do next."

"The President, apparently, is playing the Palestine piece by ear, they say."—Reuter.

## JAPANESE SHOT NEAR MANILA

Manila, May 29.

A Japanese soldier was shot and killed by a Constabulary patrol within 40 miles of Manila, last Tuesday, a delayed report reaching National Police Headquarters today.

The patrol, keeping an eye on Hukbuhap peasant guerrillas in the jungle near Infanta on the east coast of Luzon, opened fire on two Japanese. One escaped. The pair were armed with only one sword and no guns.—Associated Press.

## TRUMAN BLAMED

Providence, R.I., May 30.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Joseph Martin, today blamed the administration for the rise and fall of peace hopes in the recent exchange of notes between the United States and Russia.

Representative Martin said: "It turned out to be another instance of the New Deal administration's inept, tumbling secret diplomacy. It was reminiscent of Potsdam and its failures."—United Press.

## Reminders

Today

Central British Association meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 5:30 p.m.

Half-Yearly meeting of Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley, 5:30 p.m.

Hong Kong Singers, rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Whist Drive, European Y.M.C.A., West Lounge, 8 p.m.

Coming Events TOMORROW

Insignia Investiture, Government House.

Sino-British Club Dramatic Group special meeting, Public Relations Office, 8:30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.

H.K. Rotary Club Luncheon, address on "The Book of Changes and the Social Crisis" by Mr. Wei Tat, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12:30 p.m.

Sino-British Club Dramatic Group meeting, Public Relations Office, 8:30 p.m.

## Baku Oil Production Prodded

London, May 29.

Efforts to speed up oil production in Rumania's largest source in Europe, the new Baku oil fields, were disclosed by a Rumanian Legation bulletin in London today.

Oil output, reported now at the rate of 4,000,000 tons per annum, is still below the pre-war level.

The bulletin said that Government administrators have been appointed to supervise a number of leading oil companies and Soviet technicians and experts have arrived in Bucharest to assist the Government.

The bulletin claimed that the elimination of sabotage by certain agents of international trusts has given the industry a new impetus.

The bulletin said that the average daily output of crude oil has increased from 10,487 tons in April and reported that, excluding drilling loss, exceeded the target by one-third.—United Press.

## Major Bills Await Assent

Washington, May 29.

Several major bills on foreign affairs, including appropriation of funds to aid Europe and Asia, remain to be passed as the Congress came within three weeks of its tentative June 10 adjournment date.

The appropriations bills include funds for European recovery, financial emergency and military aid. Greek-Turkish military aid and money for occupied areas of Japan and Korea. Other major bills or resolutions still before the Congress include the extension of the reciprocal trade programme which will expire on June 12 unless it is renewed; Latin-American military aid; a resolution recommending United States support for regional alliances such as the Brussels pact; ratification of the wheat agreement and admission of 160,000 or 200,000 displaced persons from Europe.

One or two of these bills have little, if any, chance of success in this session of Congress. Latin-American military aid is considered to be definitely out. Others have some prospects of passage although the wheat pact faces difficulties.—United Press.

## Far East Missionary Appeal

Atlanta, Ga., May 29.

Rev. Elliott of the Southern Presbyterian Church today appealed for the migration of American missionary workers to the Far East.

Elliott, who spent six months in the Orient last year, said that President Chiang Kai-shek told him that the "Far East is wide open for the spread of Christian gospel. Elliott said he got the same impression elsewhere in the Orient."

He said that in Korea he talked to leaders who told him that "if they could get the support of the Christians in the United States, Korea will become the first purely Christian nation in the Far East." Elliott said he also found a deep spirit of "wanting Christianity" in Japan.

—United Press.

## UNION JACK FOR LILLE ROTARY

Folkestone, May 30.

Lille, France, Rotarians visiting Folkestone will return home on Sunday with a new Union Jack for their own standard presented to the club by Folkestone 27 years ago.

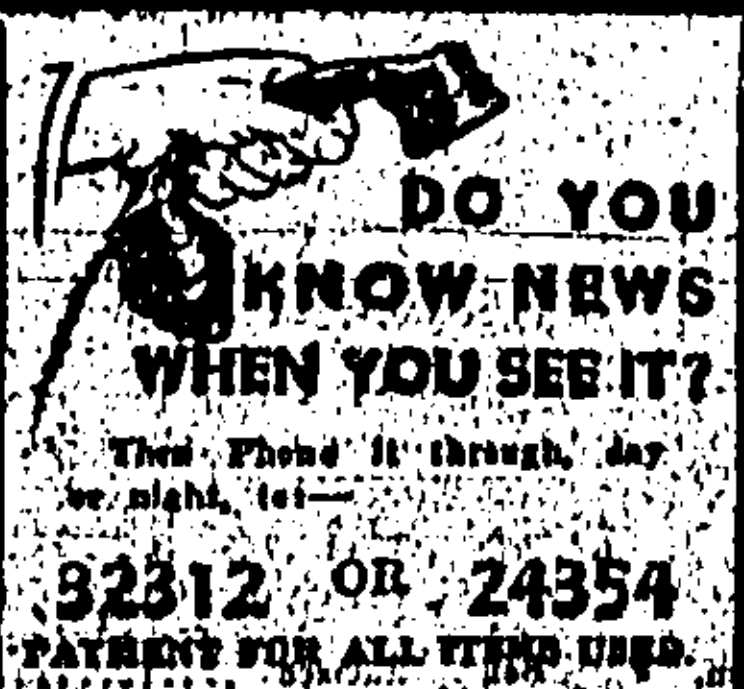
During the last war the standard disappeared but recently was discovered hidden in a roof in Lille after unsuccessful attempts to burn it. But the Union Jack was missing and that was why a new one was presented today to fly again from the standard which had defied the fire of the Germans.—Associated Press.

## NO WAR, SAYS ADMIRAL

Seattle, May 29.

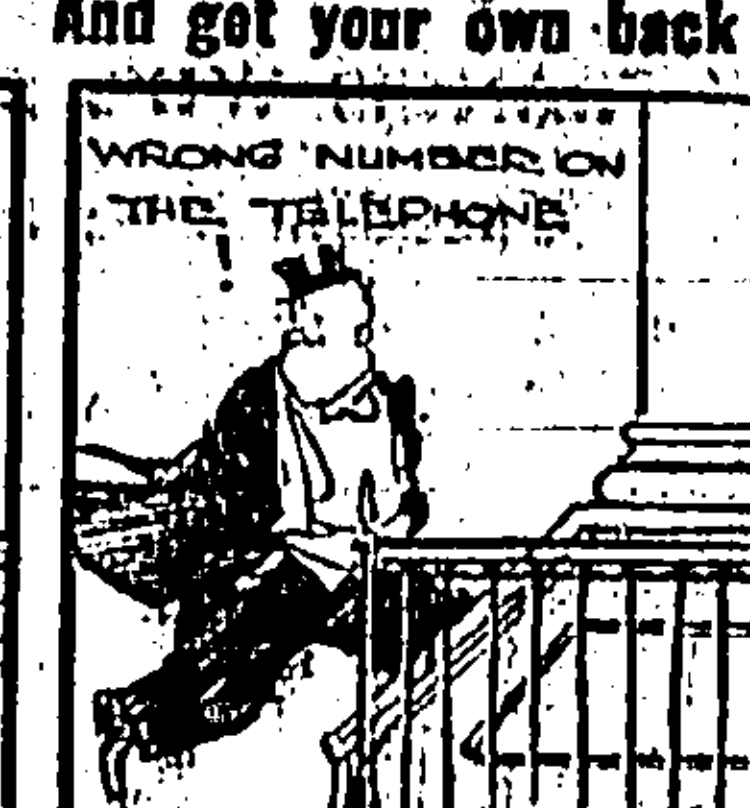
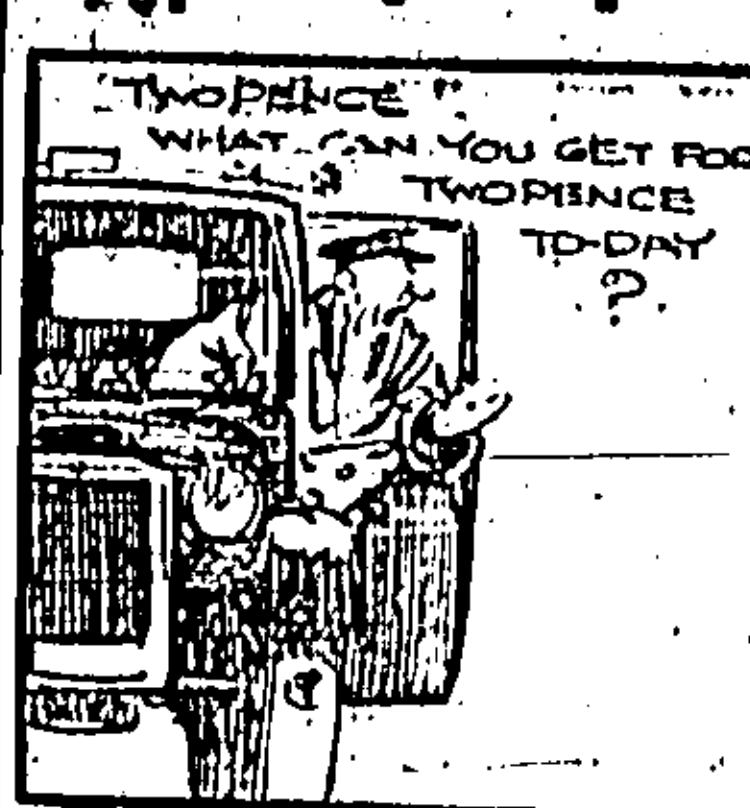
Admiral Chester Nimitz said today that he is convinced that there will not be another war. The wartime chief of the Pacific Fleet told the New Navy League Chapter he believed that the "balance of power" system practiced after the Napoleonic wars could give the world 100 years of peace.

He said: "It takes huge industrial might to wage a world war now and I don't think any country is in a position to muster that might."—United Press.



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## SOVIET ENVOYS' RECALL SPECULATION

Washington, May 29.

The recall to Moscow of the Soviet envoys to Washington and the United Nations, M. Ranyushkin and M. Gromyko, has given rise to speculation here that the Kremlin may require these expert observers of United States diplomacy to assist them in preparing new plans to break the present stalemate in the so-called "cold war" between the United States and Russia.

Impartial diplomatic observers in Washington, particularly those of the smaller powers, express anxious hopes that the present period of comparative calm in the relations between the Big Two may continue.

The most optimistic officials here speculate that possibly some sort of equilibrium of force may have been reached at all the points where the United States and Russian spheres of influence conjoin.

The more suspicious warn that Soviet diplomatic strategists may be deliberately causing a lull in order to remove the cause of urgency from those building up the military and political structure of the Western European Union in Europe and from the efforts of the Administration in the United States to put through a conscription and rearmament programme.

Neither the State Department nor Moscow Radio show any signs of relaxing their day-to-day propaganda activities in the presentation of their case to the world in speech charge and countercharge, but genuine diplomatic exchanges either through normal or international channels appear to have been reduced almost to zero.

The recent "duel of the documents" between General Walter Bedell Smith, American Ambassador to Moscow, and M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, and between the State Department and the Russian Premier, Marshal Stalin on Mr. Wallace's "open letter" made one thing abundantly clear—that every post-war issue between Russia and the United States has been thrust out into nausium in the United Nations or other inter-allied institutions.

Despite the apparently completed consolidation of Russian influence in the "iron curtain" countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Washington officials hold that the United States has improved its position upon the last two years and that Soviet expansionism has been stopped for the moment.—Reuter.

## Sweeping Monetary Reform?

Shanghai, May 30.

The new Governor of the Central Bank, Mr. O. K. Yui, said he had no information when queried by newsmen whether a report regarding imminent sweeping monetary reforms, including reintroduction of silver coins, was correct.

Certain Chinese papers have in the past few days said that certain currency reforms were likely immediately after the formation of Dr. Weng's Cabinet.

Chinese circles, while admitting that a return to the silver standard was a way to arrest inflation, said China did not possess the necessary silver reserve for the purpose.—Reuter.

## JAPS LEAVE FOR HOLLYWOOD

The former Ambassador to the United States, Kenesaku Hirobonshi, and a group of eight other Japanese led by an American, departed by a Pan-American Airways plane to attend a moral rearmament movement meeting in Hollywood on June 2.

The American leading the group is Rowland Barker, instructor at Tokyo's Methodist endowed Aoyama Gakuin. Barker's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Roy C. Barker, reside at 1240 North Hayworth, Hollywood.—Associated Press.

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## Tearful Bandit

Tokyo, May 30.

A drunk and tearful bandit entered a kindergarten and after being given 10,750 yen and a wristwatch, had to be shown the way out.

Mainichi said the bandit told the victims the kindergarten operator, his wife and daughter: "I was formerly a lieutenant in the army. I can't do a thing like this sober."

After getting the loot the robber couldn't find the door because it was dark and he was intoxicated. He had to be taken to the door through which he lurched to a getaway.—Associated Press.

## BMA And New Health Service

London, May 29.

The British Medical Association approved today a recommendation by its executive council that doctors co-operate in Britain's new National Health Service.

The approval came from the B.M.A.'s representative body—a group of doctors delegated to speak for the membership concerning executive council recommendations.

At the same time the representative body defeated a move to deny pledging co-operation until further concessions to the doctors were made by the Health Ministry and approved by the membership.—Associated Press.

## Preserved His Reputation

Washington, May 29.

A Post editorial said today that if General Douglas MacArthur had returned with parades even that might not have won him the Republican nomination, but certainly would have promoted confusion among other candidates.

The editorial commented, "Whether or not General MacArthur intends to follow General Dwight Eisenhower's lead in renouncing any political ambitions and disavowing his Presidential boosters, we do not know."

"But certainly he has done acutely to his reputation as a great military leader by refusing to ally with the undignified role he was asked to play."—United Press.

## RKO TO FILM IN ENGLAND

Hollywood, May 30.

"The China Run" has been selected by RKO Radio as the new title for "The Captain was a Lady," which William Perle is producing this summer in England in association with J. Arthur Rank.

The story has a factual background of the rivalry which existed between Yankee and British clipper ships for the tea trade 100 years ago.—Associated Press.

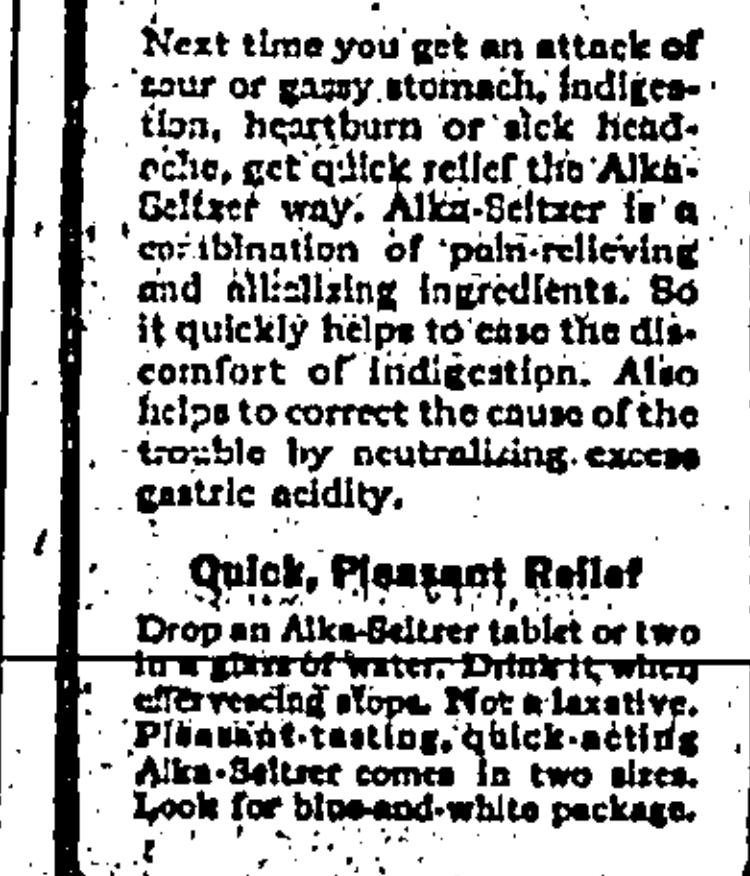
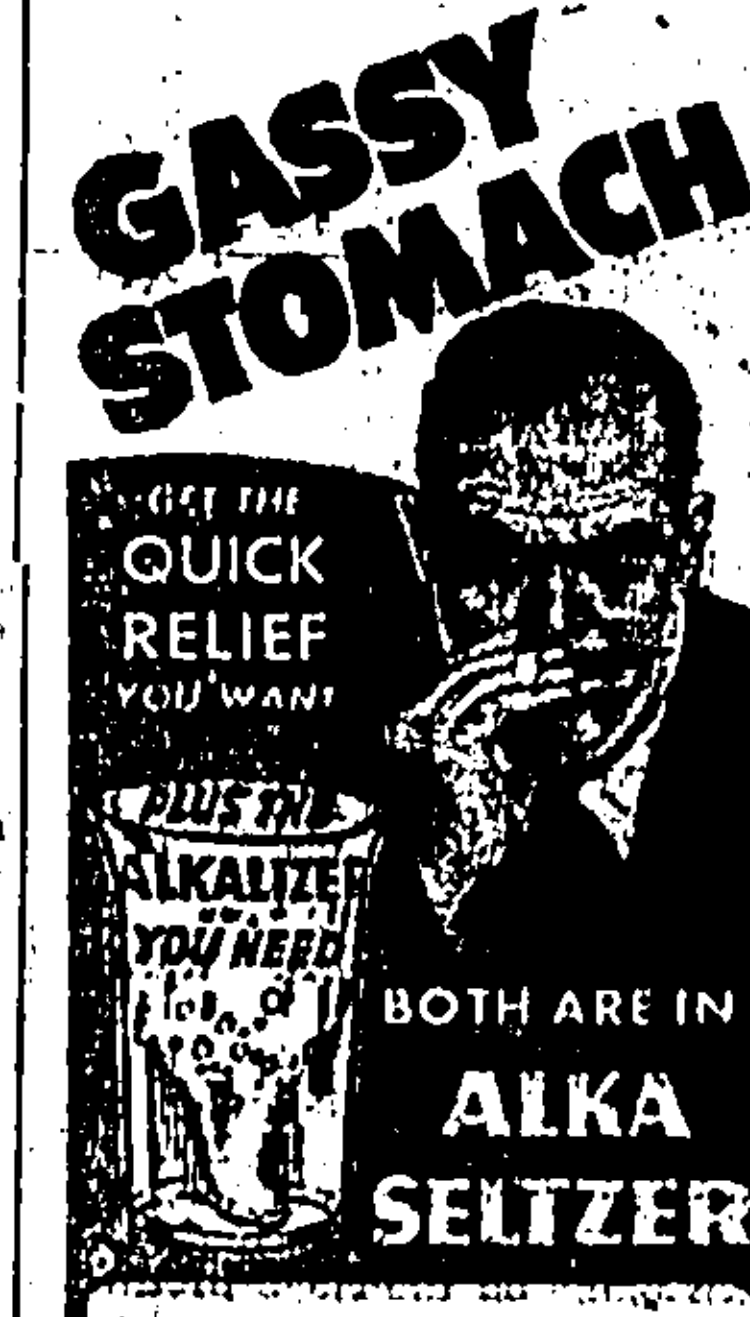
## CAMBODIAN KING IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, May 29.

King Norodon Sihanouk, 27-year-old ruler of the French Indo-China state of Cambodia, landed at Nicosia airport tonight on his way to Paris for a courtesy visit to the French Government.

He stayed the night as a guest of Government House and was expected to leave again tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

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# CANTON-HANKOW RAIL REHABILITATION PLAN

Canton, May 30.  
Over US\$20,000,000 out of the American aid programme will be used to rehabilitate the Canton-Hankow Railway with steel bridges and other improvements but details will be settled upon the arrival of Roger Lapham, chief of ECA special mission to China, declared Governor T. V. Soong in a press conference today.

The Governor said he came back from Nanking after forming the administrative policy for Kwangtung following the adoption of the constitution. He said the Generalissimo's Canton headquarters, of which he is concurrently director, will be changed to Canton pacification headquarters. He denied reports in local Chinese papers saying that the authority of the headquarters would be extended beyond Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

"The price of rice in Canton for June will be C\$55, 200,000 a picul (111 pounds)," Dr. Soong revealed. "Rice rationing will be extended to Swatow, but prices have not yet been fixed. 30,000 bags of rice have been sent to Swatow."

**Whampoa Project**  
Dr. Soong declared that the construction project of Whampoa has been under way with C\$50,000,000 appropriated for the purpose. More is to come from Nanking later. Another project is a province-wide telephone network which has to depend on American aid to supplement the present wire and radiophone system.

Five regiments of provincial guards have been formed and will be ready for service in June, said Dr. Soong in answer to a question on banditry. The Governor said that Wang's plans in clearing bandits are largely sound, especially with regard to the "pao chia" (mutual guarantee) system and village administration. Soong admitted, however, that the method of suppression in the south differs from that in the north.

**Export Policy**  
Asked by a reporter for his opinion of the Wong Wen-hao Cabinet, Dr. Soong declined to comment on the ground that he is a provincial official but hoped that a Finance Minister will soon be appointed to effect necessary currency reform in favour of more exports hit by the present

## READERS' LETTERS

### Shoen's Broadcast

Sir,—I wholeheartedly support your correspondent "A Non-Communist" in his protest against Mr. Fulton J. Shoen's political diatribe from Z-B-W on Thursday night.

As a taxpayer who pays in a small measure for the cost of our Government, I feel strongly that a Government institution should never again permit a churchman or any other person to deliver a one-sided attack against any political party.

Would the Government permit a prominent Communist to broadcast a speech through Z-B-W strongly attacking the Catholic Church? I doubt it.

LITTLE MAN.

### Bridge Pointer

Sir,—I frequently fail to see eye to eye with your "Authority on Authorities" on Bridge, but usually a little further thought shows that he is right. However, I really believe he has slipped in his column for last Saturday.

He recommends that the declarer set up spades with the K J 10-9-8-7 in the dummy. This will lose a maximum of two tricks in spades, after which they will furnish discards for the losers in the declarer's hand. This is all very well, except for the fact that the first time the defenders get the lead, they may knock out the diamond Ace, and the second time, they will take the setting trick in diamonds. Thus South's reasons for not starting out in spades are not merely "best known to himself," but should be obvious to anyone after a short study of the hand.

The writer next says that toward the end of the hand, when South leads toward the K J 10 of spades in the dummy, West should hold up the spades Ace, in hopes that South will set his contract by trying the finesse. It is perfectly true that West should play low, and that is the point of Saturday's column. With that point, I do not take issue, but only claim that the hand given is a poor illustration.

If South had no information as to the location of the outstanding spade honour, he would be indeed in a quandary. The chances would be exactly evenly split as to whether he had a better chance of winning by playing the King or Jack of spades. However, the writer has already noted that West with the Ace of spades, making the proper play in this case fairly obvious in spite of what West may do.

J. C. T.

## UNDESIRABLES EXCLUDED

Washington, May 30.  
President Harry Truman has signed a bill giving the Attorney General power to exclude undesirable aliens from the United States. Previously only the State Department had exclusion powers. It controlled issuance of visas and other entry papers.

Under the new measure the Attorney General could keep an alien out of the country if he has reason to believe the alien wishes to enter the U.S. for the purpose of engaging in activities which will endanger the public safety of the nation.—Associated Press.

## "Final" Offensive In Greece

Athens, May 29.

The Greek Army will shortly begin a final offensive throughout Greece to clear up the guerrillas, M. Themistocles Sophoulis, the Premier, said tonight.

The Premier was reviewing the Greek Army's operations in the past two months in which he said the rebels lost 3,213 men killed, wounded or captured, against an Army total of 224.

M. Sophoulis admitted the Greek Army had some setbacks, mainly in the Peloponnese. When the rebels raided Kalavryta, "we lost some excellent officers and two companies," he said.

In the Roumeli area, Army troops cleared up a large area long occupied by the guerrillas. "This does not mean order is completely restored."

Some bandits were still operating there as well as in other parts of Greece and they will be annihilated soon after the rebellion "is completely crushed," the Premier said.—Reuter.

## STUDENT GROUPS SPLIT

Shanghai, May 30.

The student world here has been split wide open into two hostile camps as the so-called special service students, who are on the side of the Government, voice open opposition to those controlling Shanghai Students' Federation and Student Self-governing Councils in the various universities and colleges.

Several fights have already taken place between members of the opposing groups, necessitating police intervention. The special service students charge their opponents with being "agents of the Fifth Column."

## Hatta Patches Up Differences With Left Wing

Batavia, May 29.

The Indonesian Republican President and Premier, Dr. Mohammed Hatta, said in Jogjakarta today that he would invite the representatives of all Republican political parties to discuss the formation of a strong ministerial Cabinet to replace his present Presidential one, Antara, the Indonesian news agency, reported here tonight.

Dr. Hatta said the time had come to alter the Cabinet because discord between the parties was at an end.

Reliable observers here interpreted this remark to mean that differences with the left wing Democratic Front—comprising Socialists, Communists and Labour Party—had been settled and the way open for Dr. Amir Sjarifuddin, the left wing leader, to rejoin the Government.

Dr. Sjarifuddin's Coalition Cabinet fell after the signing of the Renville truce agreement with the Dutch in January. In an official statement earlier today, the Republican Government indicated that the Indonesian Minister in Prague, M. Suriano, had been instructed to negotiate with the Soviet Union during the Sjarifuddin Government's term of office, but was later recalled following a Russian announcement agreeing to exchange consuls.

**Difficult Position**  
Meanwhile, the Security Council's good offices committee tonight issued a communique disclosing that Dutch-Republican negotiators had discussed the Republic's foreign relations at a political committee meeting last Friday.

At this meeting, the Republican delegation leader, M. Mohamad Roem, read a prepared statement replying to an earlier Dutch statement that a number of incidents had taken place implying that the Republican Government was extending its foreign relations.

No official comment was available in Batavia on the reports that Czechoslovakia was pre-

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF JAP LABOUR MOVEMENT

Nara, May 30.

SCAP's labour chief today warned the Japanese Government against advocates of "violence and revolution" who seek to form an "ideal classless society."

Even as James Killen, head of SCAP's Labour Division, spoke in his historic old city noted for its temples and shrines, union delegates convening here were assessing results of an election of officers which, one Tokyo newspaper said, showed an "advance by leftists."

The union has a middle-roader as Chairman, a Communist as Vice-Chairman and a member of the "reform league" as Secretary.

The executive committee of nine includes four middle-roaders, two Communists and three "reform league" members. The latter group is a hedge-podge of union leftists, rightists and middle-roaders without, so far, any definite ideological leaning.

### Free Movement

Killen expressed the belief that the Japanese labour movement will determine whether or not Japanese workers still enjoy the fruits of Democracy.

He added he believed that "only with a strong, free, responsible labour movement can the 80,000,000 people of this country know the real benefits of a free country."

The labour chief told unions they must discipline themselves, attain a "truly independent financial position, and guard against totalitarianism and regimentation."

He concluded by reading a message to railwaymen from the American Federation of Labour President William Green who pledged, "Our deep interest in their (Japanese workers') success and welfare and willingness to co-operate and help them in every possible way."—Associated Press.

## Two USA Strikes End

New York, May 29.

America's threatening labour situation was brightened today by the settlement of two strikes.

Chrysler's 75,000 United Automobile Workers Union members settled their 17-day old walk-out for a 13 cents an hour wage increase while 5,000 United Packing-house workers at the Rathmen packing factory at Waterloo, Iowa, voted to return to work for a nine cent per hour increase.

The meat packing strike flared into violence on May 19 in a riot after the shooting of a union picket.

On the railway front, representatives of the owners and unions will meet in Washington on Tuesday in further efforts to end their dispute. These unions are under a Federal Court no-strike injunction until June 11.—Reuter.

## TORY CHARTER FOR FARMERS

Stratford On Avon, May 29.

Anthony Eden, the Conservative Party's No. 2 leader, disclosed today a Conservative plan to outline soon an "agricultural charter" to aid farmers and cut Britain's spending abroad for food.

He told an audience in this semi-rural area that the Labour Party had failed to meet food production goals since assuming power and asked "if the Government is really serious about increasing agricultural production." "We believe," he said, "that we can produce at home more of our food than we are doing at present and thus have a smaller overseas food bill to pay."—Associated Press.

## Puppets Sign Treaty

London, May 29.

A Bulgarian-Polish treaty of friendship and co-operation was signed by the Foreign and Foreign Ministers of the two countries in Warsaw today, Moscow Radio reported tonight.

Both sides agree to take all means at their disposal to prevent aggression by Germany or any other State joining her, and to give military assistance in case of such an aggression.

Each side undertakes not to take part in any actions directed at the other. The treaty, which is to be ratified in Sofia, is for 30 years.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE OFFER TO INDIA

Karachi, May 29.

Negotiations between the Japanese trade delegation and the Pakistan Government continued for the fourth day since their arrival in Karachi. The delegation's leader, Y. R. Eaton, officially offered to Pakistan to supply cotton textiles at much cheaper rates than the Indian Union. The talks will again continue on Monday.—Associated Press.

## SOVIET-DANISH TRADE

Copenhagen, May 29.

M. Jens Krug, Danish Trade Minister, left here by train tonight for Moscow, where he will lead a Danish delegation in negotiations for a new Soviet-Danish trade pact.—Reuter.

## WOMAN ENGINEER KILLED

Andover, May 30.

A pretty 20-year-old plane engineer and a test pilot were killed last night when a new four-engine Miles Marathon airliner they were testing crashed and caught fire near here.

Beryl Edmunds, the only girl employed by the Ministry of Supply's test station at Boscombe Down, and Brian Bastable, 25, were the only persons aboard when the new type airliner went into a spin and plunged into the ground.—United Press.

## N.G. WOOD DEAD

Somerville, Connecticut, May 30.

Word of the death on Tuesday of Norris G. Wood, for 30 years a representative of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company of New York in China, has been received here.

Wood was a prisoner of the Japanese during the war, being repatriated on the second voyage of the S.S. Gripsholm. He returned to China after the war and only recently came back to the United States.—Associated Press.

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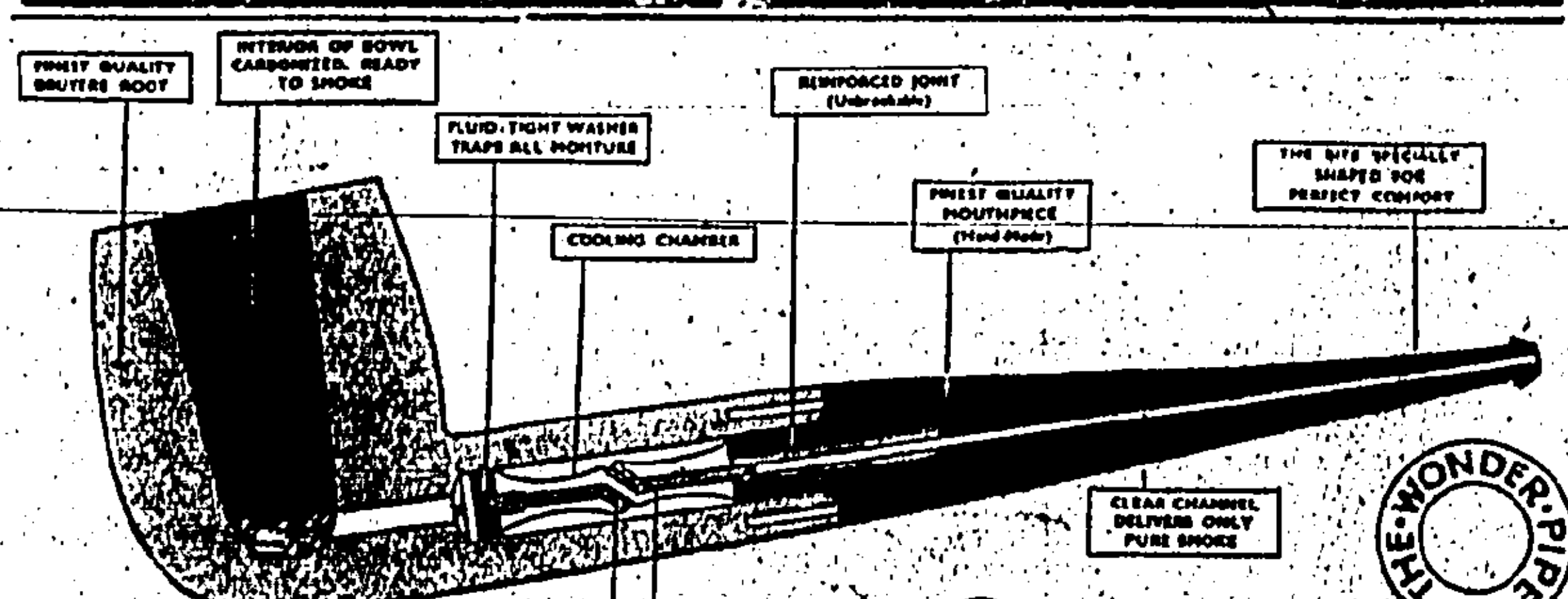
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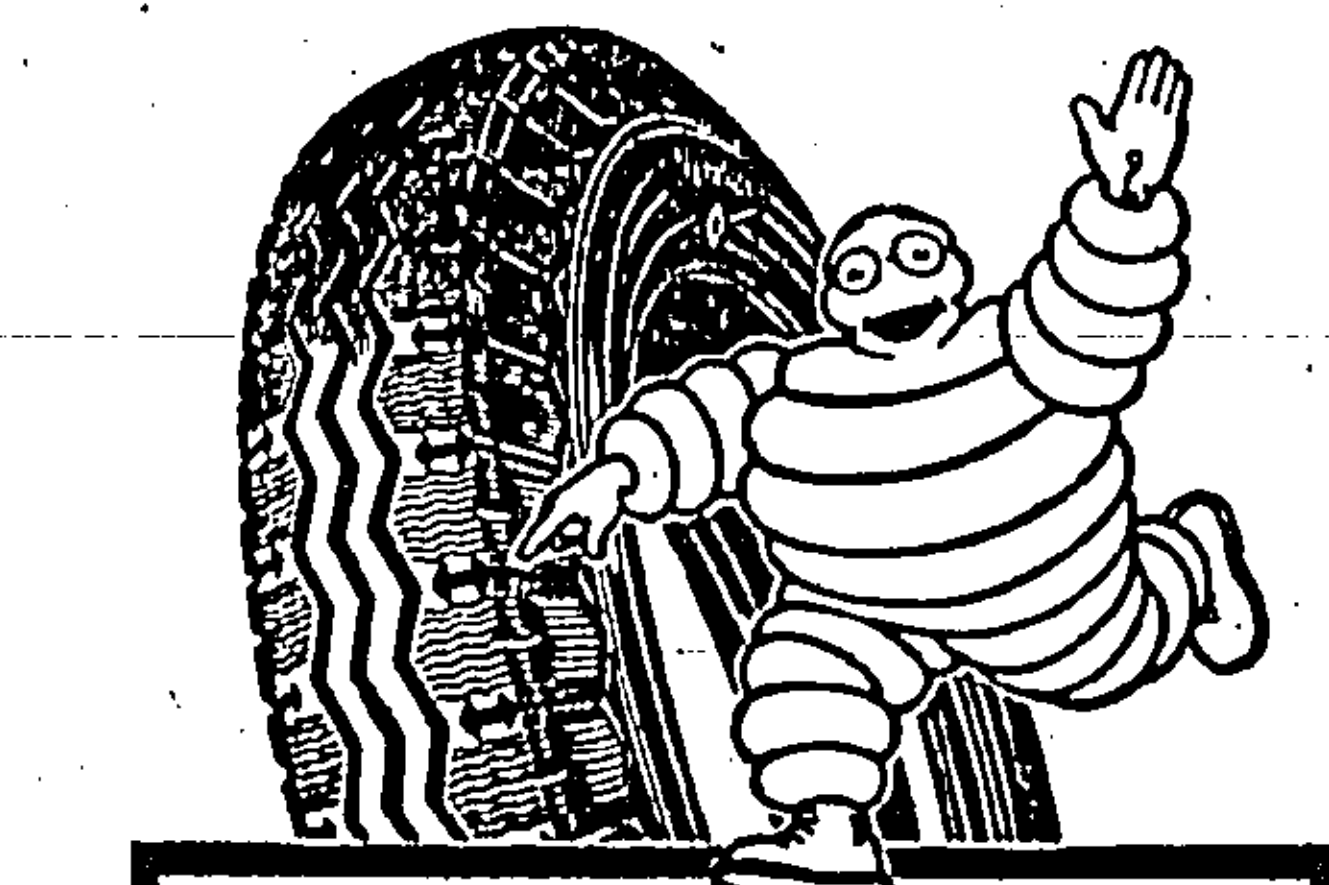
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## N.G. WOOD DEAD

Somerville, Connecticut, May 30.

Word of the death on Tuesday of Norris G. Wood, for 30 years a representative of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company of New York in China, has been received here.

Wood was a prisoner of the Japanese during the war, being repatriated on the second voyage of the S.S. Gripsholm. He returned to China after the war and only recently came back to the United States.—Associated Press.



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## MARINE DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate which should be marked "Tender for the purchase of Ex-Police Launch No. 3" will be received at the Marine Department Office, Connaught Road until noon on Tuesday 8th June.

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Tenderers must deposit at the Treasury, Prince Building, the sum of \$1,000. Which sum shall be forfeited to the Hong Kong Government if the successful tenderer fails to complete the transaction. The deposit will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

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J. JOLLY,  
Director of Marine,  
Hong Kong, 29th May, 1948.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender of Photographs" will be received at the office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, until noon on Friday, 4th June, 1948, for taking progress photographs of Public Works over a period up to the 31st March, 1949.

Tenderers must attach to each tender a Deposit Receipt showing that they have deposited at the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$50.00 as a pledge of the bona fide of their tenders which sum will be forfeited to the Crown if the successful tenderer fails, or refuses to implement his tender. The Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

Forms of tender, specification and other particulars may be obtained at the Headquarters, Public Works Department, Secretariat Building, ground floor, Lower Albert Road.

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V. KENIFF,  
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Viewing is permitted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 31-5-48 to 2-6-48, and completed Tender Forms must be returned before noon, Thursday 3-6-48.

Successful tenderers are required to remove their purchase by Thursday, 10-6-48.

E. F. S. FISHER,  
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**THE MAY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS** will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Monday, 31st May 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

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## London Embassy Protest At Elections

### Allegation Denied

Berlin, May 30. A British spokesman here tonight denied a Soviet allegation that the Blohm and Voß shipyards at Hamburg were working three shifts a day repairing British warships.

A Soviet-licensed news agency made the charges, adding that German shipyards were also building British warships.—Reuter.

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Tickets may also be renewed at Queen's Building, Connaught Road Entrance, near Star Ferry on 28th, 29th, 31st May and 1st June.

V. WALKER  
Acting General Manager  
25th May, 1948.

### NOTICE

## UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Applications for admission in September, 1948, into the Faculty of Medicine must be in the hands of the Registrar, University of Hong Kong, by Saturday, June 19, 1948.

Except in the case of candidates who are sitting for the University of Hong Kong Matriculation Examination, 1948, no late applications will be considered.

B. MELLOR,  
Registrar.

## HONG KONG SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL

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# Rumours Of Benes Retirement

London, May 29.

Four key diplomats in the Czechoslovak Embassy in London resigned today on the eve of the Czech general elections in protest against the way the elections are being run.

They were Colonel Jaroslav Plase, military and air attaché, his deputy, Lieutenant-Colonel Zdenek Kancir, and two first secretaries, Mr. Adolf Felzmann and Mr. William Pauliny.

Mr. Felzmann told Reuter that the four resigned "because we do not agree with the political developments in our country and we especially protest against the way in which the elections are taking place there."

Meanwhile, Sydney Brookes, Reuter's Correspondent in Prague, reported that Czechoslovakia waited in an attitude of unnatural apathy for tomorrow's election—for the first National Assembly under the new constitution.

The result is known almost to within a decimal point. It will give the Communists most of the Assembly's 300 seats with "reliable" members of other parties sharing some 60 seats between them.

### Blank Votes

For the electors, the only alternative to endorsing the National Front list of candidates is the blank vote, but it is doubtful how far it will be possible for a voter to cast such a ballot paper in secret.

Government propaganda has concentrated on damning the blank party for treachery and getting as heavy a poll as possible. The size of the poll and the total of blank votes will be the only standards by which the Government's support can be measured.

Against the political prophets there are no odds at all—Czechoslovakia will formally confirm in power the Communist Party and its action committees. Voting is compulsory under the electoral law. Persons who do not vote and who do not have good excuses may be punished, with up to one month's imprisonment or a fine of up to 10,000 crowns (£1).

### Not Secret

Registered voters will receive in advance a printed list of the National Front candidates and a second paper of exactly the same dimensions and colour, with a printed inscription saying that it is a blank. At the polling station, he will then insert one of these voting papers in an envelope and, in the view of the election committee, put the envelope in the ballot box and the unused paper in another urn.

It is over this procedure that doubts have arisen about the secrecy of the ballot.

The new electoral law says that when the voter puts the slip in the official envelope "he may for this purpose use a partition, where he cannot be observed."

But it is suggested that those who wish to throw their "reliability" will do so by voting publicly for the post-February regime.

The Czechoslovak authorities today withdrew a promise to

## U.S. MARKET HOLIDAYS

New York, May 30. The New York stock and curb exchanges and all other security markets in the U.S. were closed on Saturday, starting the summer schedule that will keep them idle on Saturdays until October.

The Chicago Board of Trade operated as usual.—Associated Press.

### HOME-WRECKERS

Yarmouth, May 29. Five boys with hatchets today broke the hearts of 150 bombed-out British families.

The boys aged 10 to 12 got into 70 Quonset huts and went to work with the hatchets. That delays immediately the time when the bombed-out families will have their homes again.

One boy was sent to reform school and the others put on probation.—United Press.

### Benes To Retire?

Prague, May 30. It was disclosed that President Benes has until June 8 to put his name to the document adopted unanimously by the "purified" parliament on May 9 but there is no indication that he will sign.

In the face of the delay, there was renewed speculation that Benes may retire after the election and that the Communist fellow-traveller Zdenek Fierlinger, Social Democrat Minister of Industry, would succeed him.

Following the keynote sounded by Premier Gottwald, who has obviously aimed at the United States elections, Government spokesmen assert that no one must pay a poll tax to vote. No one will be denied the right to vote because of colour.—Associated Press.

# Students' "Murder Ring"

Peiping, May 30. Nationalist Garrison Headquarters disclosed the arrest of "more than ten" students in North China since mid-April.

It accused them of organising a large-scale murder ring for the Communists.

The headquarters identified only two, Lu Cheng-chuen of Yuhwa Middle School and Shen Hung-chong of Hsuehwen Middle School. Both schools are in Peiping.

The Chinese press said the authorities were responsible for the disappearance on May 27 of Ma Hsi-chen, a student of the Sino-French University in Peiping.

Ma was seized by plain-clothesmen who did not identify themselves. Students of the National Peking and ten other universities and colleges in North China radiated an appeal to the Legislative Yuan in Nanking for the abolition of special courts to try Communist suspects.

The message said the existence of the courts violated the Constitution.

Student also continued to criticise America's "support" for Japan and decided to send protests to the Chinese Foreign Office, the United States Senate and General MacArthur and to appeal to students throughout the world.—Associated Press.

# Beveridge Advocates World Court

Melbourne, May 30. Lord Beveridge, author of the Beveridge social security plan, today advocated a World Court of Justice and an international police force.

Speaking at Wesley Church, Melbourne, he said: "The United Nations has failed to keep peace, even in the small sphere of Palestine. I won't say that war is inevitable, but it is certainly possible."

"We need law between nations as we have a law between individuals. A strong world police force is essential. There is no safety in strong nations, as Hitler found."—Reuter.

# Communists Assault Chengteh

Shanghai, May 30. The Nationalist Army's best mechanised units were today speeding westward from the Manchurian border as Communist forces threatened to overrun the whole of the Government corridor in South Jehol, according to the latest pro-Government war reports.

General Fan Han-chen has ordered a substantial part of his mechanised army to rush to the relief of the Government troops around Chengteh on receipt of reports that large Communist columns had begun an all-out assault against the provincial capital.

Chinese reports said the attack followed closely on the Communist capture of Fowning, 46 miles to the northwest and in at present concentrated on the eastern, northern and western perimeters of the isolated capital.

Meanwhile, General Fu Tso-yi's reinforcements for Chengteh are being seriously delayed by Red sabotage squads along the railway leading to the beleaguered city, which is reported to be cut at many points.

**Drive On Sinyang**  
On the Honan front, Red forces of three generals—Liu Po-cheng, Chen Yi and Chen Keng—began a converging movement against the Government base of Sinyang, on the Peiping-Hankow railway, in the southern part of the province.

Some 100,000 Communists are said to be at present pushing towards the strategic stronghold from the north and east.

In North Kiangsu, Government columns following their capture of the Communist political and military base of Yenching have launched a two-pronged drive today against the remnants of Communist forces which had retreated towards the coast.

The Nationalist Air Force is reported to be speeding the push which is rapidly closing in on trapped Red units from the north and south.

There was no major positional change in the battle for Changchun, the last Government stronghold in North Manchuria, in the past 24 hours, reports said, adding that Government units are holding on firmly to their new positions around the city after shortening their line of defence.—Reuter.

## BLONDE TO BE DEPORTED

Glasgow, May 30. A pretty 22-year-old French blonde charged in Glasgow with contravening the aliens order when she was told that she would probably be deported.

Henriette Delmarre was stated to be living with a British soldier she met in France in 1945. The soldier, who was not named, was in Nanking for the prosecution to be married and the father of seven children.

Miss Delmarre was found guilty of staying in Britain without permission, admonished and recommended for deportation.—Associated Press.

## SHANGHAI HEATWAVE

Shanghai, May 30. As the first spell of hot weather is commencing in Shanghai the populace is facing a super-sweating summer following a City Government decree curtailing the use of electric power for air-conditioning.

The regulation involves cabarets, movie houses, offices, hotels and large department stores.—United Press.

### FAR EAST TOUR

Saigon, May 29. Two members of the International Fund for assistance to children, Dr. Parzan, American, and Dr. Lukchmana, Indian, arrived here today on the first part of their tour of the Far East to study how assistance can be best given to children and expectant mothers.

They will next visit Cambodia and then go to Burma via Bangkok.—Reuter.

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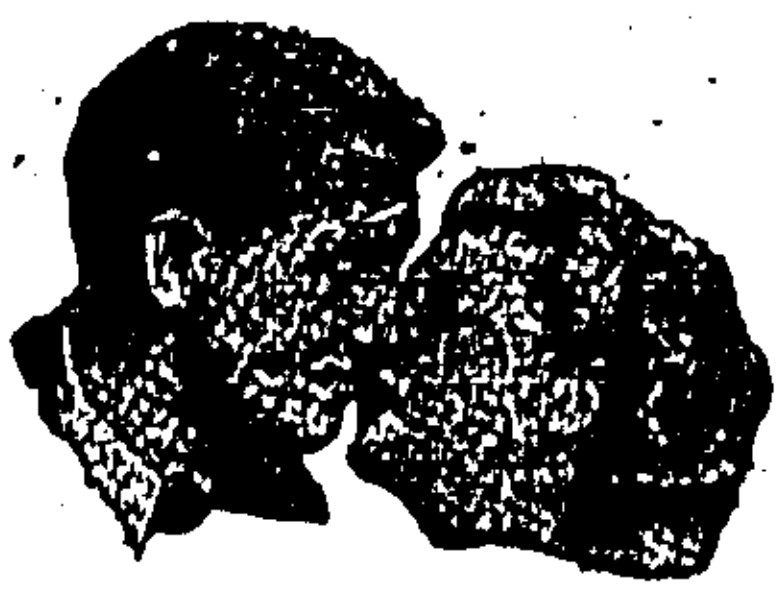
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## AMERICAN APPROACH TO REDS POSSIBLE WASHINGTON FEELERS ON MINOR ISSUES

Washington, May 29.

The belief grew in informed quarters here today that the United States was not prepared to leave American-Russian relations in their present tense but stalemated condition but would attempt soon to open negotiations with Russia on a few minor issues to test the feasibility of "bigger things to come."

This belief, developed in the wake of Secretary of State George Marshall's confident assertion that "excellent progress" was being made towards stabilising the world in accordance with American standards—in other words that the United States is winning its "cold war" against Russia.

The first hint of a policy that involves the building of better relations between Moscow and Washington on a foundation of settled minor issues, was believed to have been contained in Mr. Marshall's proposal, made earlier this week, for a three-power conference to free the Danube navigation.

It was pointed out that this problem, while relatively unimportant in relation to the other aggravated issues still outstanding, is one in which Russian co-operation might be expected.

A national organization for the Danube is, basically, more to the benefit of the nations east of the "iron curtain" than to the western nations, only one of whom—Austria—would derive direct profit from such a settlement.

Mr. James Reston, diplomatic correspondent of the New York Times, predicted:

### PROTEST BY CHINA

Bangkok, May 29.

China today protested against the recent closure of several Chinese schools in Siam as a "violation of the existing Sino-Siamese treaty."

About 3,000 Chinese school-teachers and 200,000 students have been affected by the Siamese Government's refusal to approve the schools for alleged non-conformity with the regulations governing private educational institutions, a Chinese Embassy spokesman said.

Groups of Chinese school-children toured newspaper offices telling editors that they had no school to go to, but Siamese official sources indicated that there would be no relaxation of the requirements.—Reuter.

### EXILE CZECHS' RESOLUTION

London, May 30.

Members of the exile Czechoslovak "Parliament" made a solemn resolution in London today to fight "to restore political freedom" in their homeland.

Encouraged by British political leaders, they laid the foundation for what they hope will become a worldwide Czechoslovak resistance movement.—Associated Press.

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### Communist Defiance

Washington, May 30.  
William D. Foster, leader of the American Communist Party, said today that the party would not comply with the Communist control bill if enacted.

Foster told the Senate Judiciary Committee that the Mundt-Nixon bill, requiring Communist groups to register with the Government, would create a "Fascist police state."

The bill has already been passed by the House.—Reuter.

### MICROBES IN FLASKS

Cairo, May 29.

The Egyptian Government announced today that medical analysis has shown that water flasks taken from two Zionists last week near an Egyptian army camp at Gaza, contained paratyphoid microbes.

A statement of the Council of Ministers said that the analysis of the flasks contents revealed that they were contaminated with a pathogenic organism, namely bacillus paratyphus 3.

The Egyptian Government on May 26 said that two Zionists had confessed to having carried out the orders of the Dorot settlement commander to infect Egyptian army drinking water with microbes of typhoid and dysentery.—Associated Press.

## WALLACE AND THOMAS DENOUNCE BILL

Washington, May 29.

Two presidential candidates—Henry Wallace and Socialist Norman Thomas—denounced the Communist control bill as a "declaration of war" on human rights and an action to make "martyrs" out of Communists.

Wallace, Third Party candidate, said that his group would defy the Communist-curbing bill if it became law.

He said it "reeks with hypocrisy" and destroys basic guarantees of free speech and assembly.

Thomas, Socialist Party candidate, said that the Mundt-Nixon bill actually would be a "blessing to the Communists."

He said it would make them martyrs and "in a dangerously mistaken way" of dealing with the party.

Although Thomas opposed the bill bitterly he attacked Communism. With Wallace writing to follow him on the stand, the veteran Socialist said that Wallace's Party was "strongly influenced" by Communists although Wallace himself is "not a Communist."

**Strengthening Reds**

Thomas said the measure would actually strengthen the Communist Party by driving it underground. He said the House would have done better "in the last two years" if it had spent less time on the Mundt-Nixon bill and more time on such measures as price control and social legislation to remove causes which enable Communism to flourish.

He also criticized the Republican presidential aspirant Harold E. Stassen who favors the bill.

He said that Stassen has "shown a constitutional inability to distinguish between socialism and communism. He is known to have an immature judgment on many subjects."

Thomas said he opposed the bill because it would "weaken liberty and American democracy."

Following Thomas' testimony, Senator John Sherman Cooper commented: "I have a great respect for Mr. Thomas' views."

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S. K. J. 10 7  
H. 4  
D. 7  
C. A. K. Q. 10 5 3  
S. 2  
H. 4  
D. 7  
C. A. K. Q. 10 5 3

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)

North—East—South—West  
1 C—Dbl—1 S—2 H  
4 S—Dbl

West led the diamond 9 to the A and East noted the shortage in the dummy's red suits. With out more ado he decided to limit any ruffing by the dummy, to lead his spade 6, maintaining his tenace over the dummy's trump.

K. South took that with his 9, discarded the dummy's only heart on the diamond K, then led the spade 3 to the 10 and Q.

East returned the diamond 9 to be ruffed by the spade J, y trumped South's lead, and led clubs from the dummy. East ruffed the third with his spade A, having

only red cards left, he returned the diamond J, which the spade K trumped, and good clubs then disposed of the rest of South's losers to complete the contract.

East should have realized, upon seeing the big club suit, that South would not require any trump in the dummy, but could discard losers on clubs. He also should have noted that South was virtually sure to have the diamond K, as West would not have led the suit if he held it. Hence, South could surely discard the dummy's lone heart on the diamond honour. Figuring thus, East should have noted that the only chance for his side to get four tricks was by picking off one in hearts—probably possible in view of West's bid. Had he reckoned that way, he should have fired back a heart after winning the diamond lead. That heart—trick, plus his own assured two in trumps, would have beaten the contract.

**TOMORROW'S PROBLEM**  
S. A. Q. 6 5 4  
H. K. 10 6  
D. K  
C. A. Q. 9 2  
S. 10 9  
H. 7 5 3  
D. Q. 6 2  
C. 8 5 4 3  
S. K. 6 3  
H. A. J. 8 4  
D. J 7  
C. K. 6 7 0  
(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)

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## GERMANS SEIZED FOR SLAVE LABOUR

Berlin, May 29.

Over 200,000 Germans have been transported to Russia and other Eastern countries since 1945, the American—licensed newspaper Die Neue Zeitung stated today.

"This report followed yesterday's statement by Major-General E.O. Herbert, the British representative on the Allied Kommandatura, that the Soviet authorities were directing labour into Saxony's uranium mines."

Three classes of Germans—men recruited for the uranium mines in Saxony, inmates of new concentration camps and qualified workers and their families—were affected by the transportation, which were still going on, Die Neue Zeitung said.

Concentration camps such as Buchenwald, Muehlberg, and Torgau, in the Soviet Zone, were practically empty. Large numbers of men travelled in strict secrecy in cattle trucks, mostly by night.

These mass movements, the paper added, were directed by the Russian Secret Police, supported by the German Unity Party.—Reuter.

### NAZIS ATTACKED AT TRIAL

Rome, May 30.

Shouts of "assassins" and "criminals" greeted Lt. Col. Hermann Kappler—and five other German soldiers at the resumption of their trial here this afternoon for their part in the Nazis' Argentine Caves massacre of March, 1944.

The military court trying the six, unable to restore order had the courtroom cleared of spectators.—Associated Press.

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1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Music for You" (ORR).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

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7.00 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Radio).

8.15 p.m.—"Linda Carter Talks on Film" (Studio).

8.30 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" Presented by Fiona Anderson (Studio).

9.00 p.m.—A Vocal Recital by Celia Hodman (Scrapbook) with Piano Accompaniment by Clara Stanfield (Studio).

9.15 p.m.—Richard Strauss' "Don Juan" (London Philharmonic Orchestra).

9.30 p.m.—London Playhouse. "Capitaine Boyott" Starring Stewart Granger and Kathleen Ryan.

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Radio).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.18 p.m.—"Take Your Choice".

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### MOST EXPLOSIVE SPOT

There is in the troubled world of today no more explosive spot than Palestine. Nevertheless it is being handled in more than one quarter with a rashness that threatens to produce an international situation the dangers of which are matched only by the intricacy of their repercussions.

No fair-minded observer can acquit the British Government, past and present, of all blame for the position that has arisen. There have been British shortcomings in regard to Palestine, including the ignoring of Mr. Churchill's warning against delay in handing over the mandate to the United Nations Organisation. Against the British shortcomings should be set a long record of impartial administration that would have been a credit to any country, impartiality by which Arabs and Jews alike profited. Nor did any British Government or Party misuse the Palestinian issue for domestic, political or electoral purposes. If the same could truthfully be said of all the great powers, the present outlook might be less troubled.

In this respect the Government of the United States cannot be held blameless, however comprehensible may be its desire not to estrange the Jewish voters in a "presidential year." It put pressure on the United Nations Assembly to accept the partition of Palestine no matter what resistance the Arabs might offer. Britain left no room for doubt that a powerful force would be needed to maintain the partition but neither the United States nor the United Nations attempted to organise such a force. Matters were allowed to drift until the expiry of the British mandate, which was followed by war, proclamation of Israel and its recognition by Mr. Truman.

British recognition cannot properly be granted until Israel has established an administration, is willing and able to fulfil its international obligations and holds sway within the known frontiers. How far the state of Israel corresponds to these conditions is very open to question; nor is it certain that the neighbouring Arab states can legally be held to have invaded its territory. The British official view seems to be that precipitate decisions are best avoided.

The real question is that of preventing an Arab-Jew conflict both from endangering peace throughout the Middle East and from degenerating into conflict between the great powers. The prestige of the United Nations itself is at stake. Either its Security Council will obtain compliance with orders to both parties or, if an order is issued and not obeyed, it will have to choose between failure to obtain compliance and armed intervention, which would be easier to begin than to bring to an end.

### BENES WELL

Prague, May 30. Lawrence A. Steinhardt, United States Ambassador, met President Benes at his country home on Friday and found him "relatively well, considering his age and condition." There have been reports of a sudden worsening of the chronic illness of the President who is 64.



My great friend, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, champion of forcing the Dardanelles, hero and victor of Zeebrugge, passionately longed to lead the Fleet or any portion of it past the batteries into the Trondheim fjord and storm the town by landings from the sea.

The appointment of Lord Cork, also an Admiral of the Fleet, to command the naval operations at Narvik although he was senior to the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral himself, seemed to remove the difficulties of rank. Admirals of the Fleet are always on the active list, and Keyes had many contacts at the Admiralty.

He spoke and wrote to me repeatedly with vehemence, reminding me of the Dardanelles and how easily the Straits could have been forced if we had not been stopped by timid obstructionists.

At the Admiralty the First Sea Lord and the Naval Staff generally did not shrink from the venture. On April 13 the Admiralty had officially informed the Commander-in-Chief of the Supreme Council's decision to try to capture the fjord of Trondheim, and had raised the question with him in a positive manner whether the Home Fleet should not force the passage.

Admiral Forbes agreed that the shore batteries might be destroyed or dominated in daylight by battleships, if provided with suitable ammunition. None was carried at that moment in Home Fleet ships. The first and most important task, he said, was to protect troops from heavy air attack over the 30 miles approach through narrow waters, and the next to carry out an opposed landing of which ample warning had been given. In the circumstances he did not consider the operation feasible.

The Naval Staff persisted in their view, and the Admiralty with my earnest agreement replied on April 15 as follows: "We still think that the operation described should be further studied. It could not take place for seven days, which would be too late to ensure preparation. Danger from air not appreciably less wherever these large troopships are brought into the danger zone. Our idea would be that in addition to R.A.F. bombing of Stavanger aerodrome, Suffolk should bombard with high explosive at dawn, hoping thereby to put the aerodrome out of business. The aerodrome at Trondheim could be dealt with by Fleet Air Arm bombers and subsequently by bombardment. High explosive shells, for 15-in. guns have been ordered to Rosyth. Furious and First Cruiser Squadron would be required for this operation. Pray therefore consider this important project further."

Admiral Forbes although not fully convinced of its soundness, therefore addressed himself to the project in an increasingly favourable mood. In a further reply he said that he did not anticipate great difficulty from the naval side, except that he could not provide air defence for the transports while carrying out the landings. The naval force required would be Valiant and Renown, give air defence to Glorious, Warpite to bombard, at least four A.A. cruisers and about 20 destroyers.

The Secretary of State for War had now to nominate a Military Commander. The suggestions were unfavourable. Col. Stanley's choice fell upon Major-Gen. Hotblack, who was highly respected, and on April 17 he was briefed for his task at a meeting of the Chiefs of Staff held in the Admiralty. That night at 12.30 a.m. he had a fit on the Duke of York's Steps, and was picked up unconscious some time later. He had luckily left all his papers with his staff, who were working on them.

The next morning Brig. Bernay, Ficklin was appointed to succeed Hotblack. He too was briefed, and started by train for Edinburgh. On April 19 he and his staff left by air for Scaev. They crashed on the airfield at Kirkwall. The pilot and one of the crew were killed, the rest were seriously injured. Every day counted.

While plans for the frontal attack on Trondheim from the sea were being advanced, with all speed, two subsidiary landings were already in progress designed to envelop the town from the landward side. Of these the first was a hundred miles to the north, at Namsos, where Major-Gen. Carton de Wiart, V.C., had been chosen to command the troops with orders "to secure the Trondheim area."

The second landing was at Andalsnes, about 150 miles by road to the south-west of Trondheim.

## The Thirty-Ninth Instalment

# "OPERATION HAMMER"

Here also the Navy had made a lodgment, and on April 10 Brigadier Morgan with a military force arrived and took command. Lieutenant-General Massey was appointed Commander-in-Chief of all the forces operating in Central Norway. This officer had to exercise his command from the War Office because there was as yet no place for his Headquarters on the other side.

Carlton de Wiart reached Namsos under heavy air attack on the evening of the 15th. His Staff Officer was wounded, but he took effective charge on the spot.

On April 17 I explained in outline to the Supreme War Council the plan which the Staffs were making for the landing at Trondheim.

Plans to seize Trondheim by direct assault—"Operation Hammer"—were at first approved by the Chiefs of Staff. Subsequently, to the disappointment of Sir Roger Keyes (later Lord Keyes), who was to lead the expedition, the Chiefs of Staff advised against the scheme.

The forces immediately available were one regular brigade from France (2,500 strong), 1,000 Canadians and about 1,000 men of a Territorial brigade as a reserve. The Military Co-ordination Committee had been advised that the forces available were adequate and that the risks, although very considerable, were justified.

The operation would be supported by the full strength of the Fleet, and two carriers would be available with a total of about 100 aircraft, including 45 fighters. The provisional date for the landing was April 22.

In reply to inquiries whether the Chiefs of Staff were in agreement with the plans as outlined, the Chief of the Air Staff said that this was so. The operation was, of course, attended by considerable risks, but these were outweighed by the importance of the air co-operation. The War Cabinet gave cordial approval to the enterprise. I did my best to have it carried out.

Although Narvik was my pet, I threw myself with increasing confidence into this daring adventure, and was willing that the Fleet should risk the weak batteries at the entrance to the fjord, the possible minefields and, most serious, the air.

The ships carried what was in those days very powerful anti-aircraft armament. If Trondheim were taken, the neighbouring airfield of Vaernes would be in our hands. "Meanwhile I felt that we should do our utmost to keep the King of Norway and his advisers informed of our plans by sending him an officer who understood the Norwegian scene and could speak with authority. Admiral Sir Edward Evans was well suited to this task, and was sent to Norway by air through Stockholm to make contact with the King at his headquarters."

However, during the 18th, a vehement and decisive change in the opinions of the Chiefs of Staff and of the Admiralty occurred. This change was brought about first by increasing realisation of the magnitude of the naval stake in hazardous so many of our finest capital ships, and also by War Office arguments that even if the Fleet got in and got out again, the opposed landing of the troops in the face of the German air power would be perilous.

On the other hand the landings which were already being successfully carried out both north and south of Trondheim seemed to all these authorities to offer a far less dangerous solution. The Chiefs of Staff drew up a long paper opposing "Operation Hammer."

This began with a reminder that a combined operation involving an opposed landing was one of the most difficult and hazardous operations of war, requiring the most careful and detailed preparations. The Chiefs of Staff had always realised that this particular operation would involve very serious risks. As there had been no reconnaissance or air photographs the plan had been worked out from maps and charts.

There were reliable reports that the Germans were improving the defences at Trondheim; and reports of our intention to make a direct landing at Trondheim had appeared in the Press. On reconsidering the original project in the light of these new factors, the Chiefs of Staff unanimously recommended a change of plan.

They still thought it essential that we should seize Trondheim and use it as a base for subsequent operations in Scandinavia; but they urged that, instead of the direct frontal assault, we should push in the maximum forces possible at Namsos and Andalsnes, seize control of the road and rail communications, and then advance through Dombas and envelop Trondheim from the north and south. Shortly before the main landings at Namsos and Andalsnes, the outer forts at Trondheim should be bombarded from the sea with a view to leading the enemy to suppose that a direct assault was due to take place.

We should thus invest Trondheim by land and blockade it by sea; and although its capture would take longer than originally contemplated, our main forces might be put ashore at a slightly earlier date.

These powerful recommendations were put forward with the authority, not only of the three Chiefs of Staff, but of their three able deputies, including Admiral Tom Phillips and Sir John Dill, newly appointed. No more decisive stopper on a positive amphibious plan can be imagined, nor have I seen a Government or Minister who would have overruled it.

Under the prevailing arrangement, the Chiefs of Staff worked as a separate and largely independent body without guidance or direction from the Prime Minister or any effective representative of the supreme executive power.

Moreover, the leaders of the three Services had not yet got the conception of war as a whole,

and were influenced unduly by the departmental outlook of their own Services. They met together, after talking things over with their respective Ministers, and issued "aide-memoires" or memoranda, which carried enormous weight. Here was the fatal weakness of our system of conducting war at this time.

When I became aware of this right-about-turn I was indignant, and questioned scathingly the officers concerned. It was soon plain to me that all professional opinion was now adverse to the operation which only a few days before it had spontaneously espoused.

Of course there was at hand, in passionate ardour for action and glory, Sir Roger Keyes. He was scornful of these belated fears and second thoughts. He volunteered to lead a handful of older ships with the necessary transports into Trondheim fjord, land the troops and storm the place before the Germans got any stronger.

Keyes had formidable credentials of achievement. In him there burned a flame. It was suggested in the May debates that "the iron of the Dardanelles had entered into my soul," meaning that on account of my downfall on that occasion I had no longer

the capacity to dare; but this was really not true. The difficulties of acting from a subordinate position in the violent manner required are of the first magnitude.

Moreover, the personal relations of the high naval figures involved were peculiar. Roger Keyes, like Lord Cork, was senior to the Commander-in-Chief, and the First Sea Lord, Admiral Pound had been for two years Keyes's Staff Officer in the Mediterranean. For me to take Roger Keyes's advice against his would have entailed his resignation, and Admiral Forbes might well have asked to be relieved of his Command.

It was certainly not my duty in the position I held to confront the Prime Minister and my War Cabinet colleagues with these personal dramas at such a time and upon an operation which, for all its attractiveness and interest, was essentially minor even in relation to the Norwegian campaign, to say nothing of the general war.

I therefore submitted the abandonment of "Hammer." I reported the facts to the Prime Minister on the afternoon of the 18th, and though bitterly disappointed he, like me, had no choice but to accept the new position.

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## WILHELMINA LOOKS BACK

The years rolled back for Holland's Wilhelmina, when she chose to announce her intended abdication in the centenary year of her father's accession.

"I remember as yesterday May 12, 1890, when it was 40 years ago that my unforgettable father was sworn in and installed," she said.

He was William III. A year later, on his death, she showed the little girl from the balcony of the palace. She looked down on the crowd and said: "Do all these people belong to me?"

"No, my child," said her mother, Queen Emma, "it is you who belong to them."

Nearly ten more years went by, in a world that today looks a Utopia of tranquillity, before the people and the young Queen really belonged to each other. Meantime, her mother was Regent. The wheel turns, and now it is her daughter.

Britain's aged Victoria was still on the throne when Wilhelmina began to rule. The year was 1898. Like Victoria, she was only 18; and she also was destined to rule longer than any predecessor.

## Futile Marathon Meeting

Berlin May 30. The marathon meeting of the four-allied-Berlin commandants, which started at 10.00 a.m. (Berlin time) yesterday, ended at 1.15 a.m. today. The only agreement reached at the 15 and a quarter hours session, was to adjourn for a lunch of English roast beef and a later break for coffee.

Because of their long session, marked by hot argument and cold civility, the commandants went without dinner.

All items under discussion were removed from the agenda because no agreement could be reached. At one point, the British representative, Major-General E.O. Herbert, accused the Russians of going round and round without getting down to business. General Herbert also told the Kommandantur that the Soviet Government were directing labour into the uranium mines of Saxony—Reuters.

The opening years of the one and the closing years of the other were clouded by the same Boer War. The coincidence is carried further by the physical and mental similarities of the two women: their stocky stature, force of character, and their political influence based on shrewd judgment.

Wilhelmina's Consort was Prince Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, whom she married in 1901. She was widowed in 1934. It has been said that Queen Wilhelmina was the richest Queen in Europe. Her private income before the war was £135,000 a year. In addition, there was the State grant of £160,000 a year. But whatever her riches, there has been no doubt about her simplicity—or her dignity.

Life in the white palace at The Hague has been ordered on lines of devout Christianity, with the day beginning in prayer and a Bible lesson. After a frugal breakfast comes attention to State affairs in her study.

Afterwards came charitable visits, often made on her bicycle. They were usually visits to sick people. Sometimes they involved buying flowers—at generous prices—from street flower sellers.

Her steadfastness in adversity shone across the Channel in the war years. From London's radio Orange she made frequent broadcasts of encouragement to the Dutch people, who were equally loyal to her Allied cause. Once, two war-time Ministers in exile protested about R.A.F. bombing of Holland, an indignant Wilhelmina, at a Dutch Cabinet meeting in London, demanded and obtained their resignations.

In these five years of exile she was often to be seen on her bicycle about the lanes of the Thames Valley.

Now—the stocky figure of Wilhelmina—the long coat with a mountainous fur collar, the quick, determined steps in button-up boots, the bicycle—retires from the scene.

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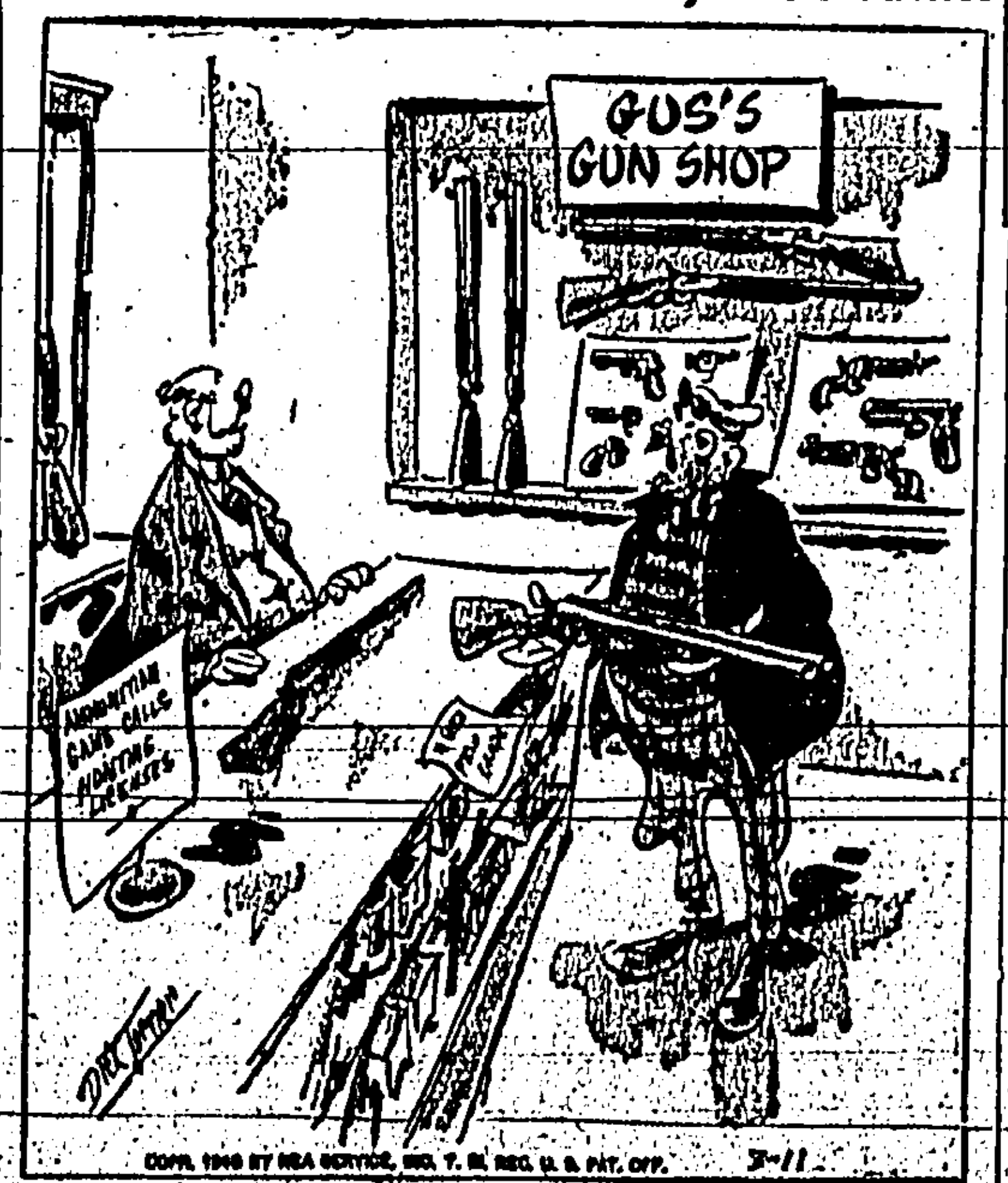
The London script of "The Mikado," the most famous of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, is being changed because of American protests.

R. d'Oyly Carte, manager of the alteration, will be heard during the best known Gilbert and Sullivan troupe in the world, announced the change in a letter to The Times today.

"We found recently in America that much objection was taken by colored persons to a word used twice in 'The Mikado,'" he wrote.

So a company commissioned by the British humorist, Sir John Dill, to change the lines. R. d'Oyly Carte wrote: "Gilbert would surely have approved and

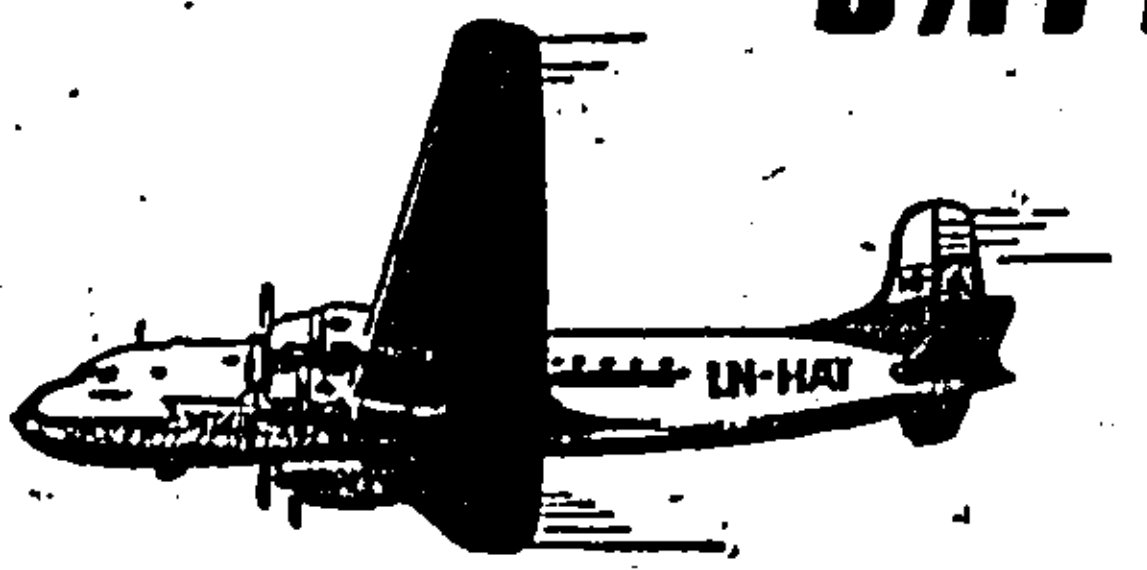
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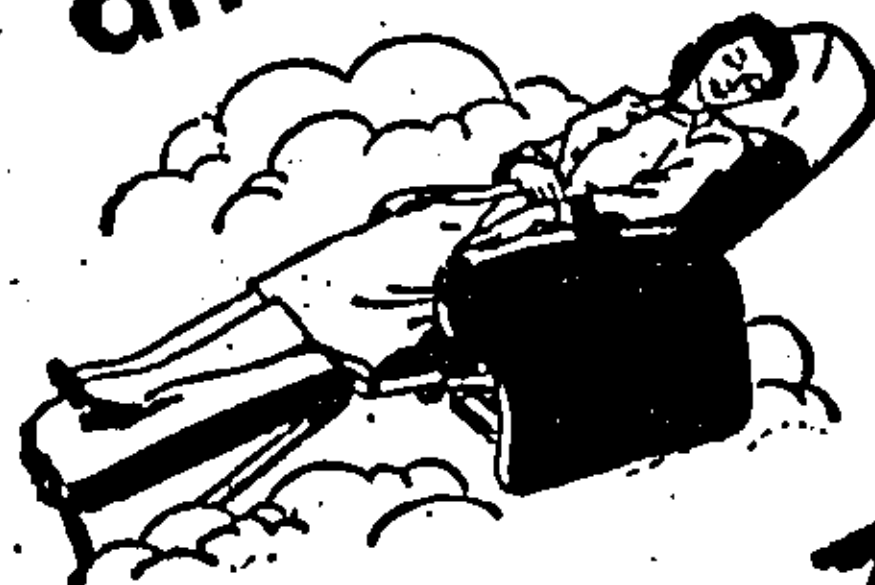
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# MALAN NATIONALISTS TO STAY IN COMMONWEALTH

## No South African Move For A Break

## Not Necessary To Have Republic

Capetown, May 29.

The new Nationalist Government of South Africa is not likely to make any move to break with the British Empire.

Dr. Daniel Malan has often stated publicly that the Republic issue would have to be decided by the "broad will" of the people in an election. The present election gave him less votes than Marshal Smuts' United Party (although five more seats) and was fought only on the colour question and Communism.

Observers here made these points today as General Sir Thomas Blamey, wartime Australian Commander-in-Chief, said in Melbourne that Marshal Smuts' defeat was "a blow to the Empire defence relationships". Other Empire comment was unanimous in describing Marshal Smuts' defeat as a "calamity".

Mr. N. C. Havenga, leader of the Afrikaner Party, on whose support Dr. Malan depends for his majority, said that the Nationalist Party in the past had secured the independence and freedom which South Africa enjoyed today and it was not necessary to have a Republic.

"I want to say that a republic will not bring greater constitutional freedom than you already possess as a sovereign, independent country, which can determine its own fate," he added.

### Not Right

"It would not be right to place that freedom in doubt. It has cost too much."

Marshal Smuts, still Prime Minister until Dr. Malan takes over next week, spent a busy morning in his Pretoria office, receiving members of his Cabinet and other callers including the British High Commissioner, Sir Evelyn Baring.

After leaving Pretoria today, Marshal Smuts will spend a few days on his farm at Doornkloof before going to England for his installation as Chancellor of Cambridge University.

He will be unable to use the official York aircraft for the trip without the consent of Dr. Malan, who will then be the new Prime Minister, and other travel arrangements are being made.

Dr. Malan has left his Stellenbosch home and is spending the week-end somewhere in the country.

### The New Premier

When the tenth Union Parliament meets here probably next month, Dr. Malan will address the Assembly in English for the first time in 15 years.

When he was Minister of the Interior in General Hertzog's Cabinet from 1924 to 1933, he spoke alternately in English and Afrikaans and, following custom, replied to questions in the language in which they were put to him.

## DEFEAT CALAMITY

Sydney, May 29.

Mr. Robert Menzies, leader of the Australian Liberal Party, declared in Melbourne today that Marshal Smuts' defeat in the South African elections was a calamity.

Marshal Smuts has been one of the very greatest figures in the British Empire for the last 40 years, he said.

The significance of the elections from the point of view of the Commonwealth can so easily be over-estimated that one hesitates at this stage to say much about it.

Mr. Chifley, Premier, and Dr. Herbert Ewart, Minister for External Affairs, have so far refused to comment on Marshal Smuts' defeat but a high Government official said that the Government was concerned at the possible consequences to Empire unity and the dollar pool.

Sir Thomas Blamey, former Australian Commander-in-Chief, said in Melbourne that Marshal Smuts' defeat was a blow to the Empire. Defence relationships and Empire communications would be gravely affected by the developments in South Africa and the Middle East.

He added that the British withdrawal from the Middle East was

### CYPRUS OIL TANKS EXPLODE

Nicosia, Cyprus, May 30. One of the largest gasoline storage tanks at the airfield centred in flames today and 8,000 gallons are still burning fiercely, according to an Exchange Telegraph report.

American Douglas C-47s and Flying Fortresses, allegedly here to evacuate Americans from the Middle East, are not in danger, United Press.

### Six Dead In Chicago Fire

Chicago, May 29.

Six persons, including two children, died and one man was seriously injured in a fire which swept through a three-story building here today. Seven others were also injured.—Reuter.

## Kashmir Dispute Dangers

New York, May 29.

The New York Post today carried this report from its foreign correspondent from Lahore: "After two months in India and Pakistan, and visiting both sides fighting in Kashmir, I am convinced that any impartial commission would unanimously reject India's claim for Kashmir."

India's only valid claim, the correspondent Helen Kirkpatrick, said, was the legal one of Sir Hari Singh's document of accession, but this violated the principles on which India claimed Jammu and Hyderabad. Geographically too, Kashmir went with Pakistan.

"Unless one is imposed by the United Nations, with the full moral support of all its members, this war will either extend disastrously eventually involving the whole of South East Asia, or Pakistan may be able to throw its full weight into the struggle."—Reuter.

## Moscow Radio's Attack On UK

London, May 29.

Moscow Radio commentator V. Linetsky said last night that Britain and the United States by "strenuously exaggerating" their differences were "fanning the flames of war" in Palestine.

The broadcaster, heard in London by the Soviet Monitor, said the United States move in the United Nations Security Council to take strong measures unless the Jews and Arabs stopped fighting, was defeated "owing to the exertions of the British and American delegations."

"Austin, the U.S. representative in the Security Council, did not take long to abandon his former proposal and to agree to a new one excluding any mention of sanctions against the attacking party," Linetsky said. "The double-faced American policy in the Palestine question is helping to fan the war in the Near East."—Associated Press.

### COMBAT EXPERT DEAD

New York, May 30.

Colonel Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, aged 73, died late yesterday of uremic poisoning, followed by a cerebral hemorrhage.

He was considered one of the World's greatest experts in hand-to-hand combat. He was then father of Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., now a colonel with U.S. occupation forces in Germany and formerly American Minister to Norway and Ambassador to Poland.—Associated Press.

## FRENCH UNEASINESS OVER GERMANY

Paris, May 29.

General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Rally of the French People, will soon launch a vigorous campaign against French acceptance of the proposed six-power agreement on Germany's future, now being worked out in its final stages by American, British, French and Benelux experts in London.

Political observers think that General de Gaulle's intervention in the debate will crystallise the growing uneasiness among all French political parties over the possible Russian reaction to the proposed establishment of a Western German Government at Frankfurt.

The main fear expressed in Parliamentary circles is that the policy of setting up a Western German Government will prove a challenge to the Russians, which may have military consequences which the Western Allies are not equipped to deal with.

It seems pretty certain now that the recommendations of the London Conference will be debated in Parliament before being ratified by the French Government, but it is less certain that Parliament will ratify them.

### Risk Of War

The Communists will oppose this. The Socialists are hesitant because they fear the Russians may ask the Allies to leave

Berlin if a Western German Government is set up and that this request, if resisted in compliance with official American and British declarations, may overnight produce a dangerous situation involving the risk of war.

The Gaullist deputies will oppose it on the grounds that French security, and Western European security as a whole, has not been provided for.

This argument will find wide support in the country at large, which so far has not yet fully realised the implications of the London Conference proposals as seen through French eyes.

Reputation by the French Parliament of the London proposals might place the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, in an awkward position even if it did not lead to a Cabinet crisis.

In any case, it would postpone the merging of the French Zone with Bizonia, which is one of the implied consequences of the London Conference recommendations.—Reuter.



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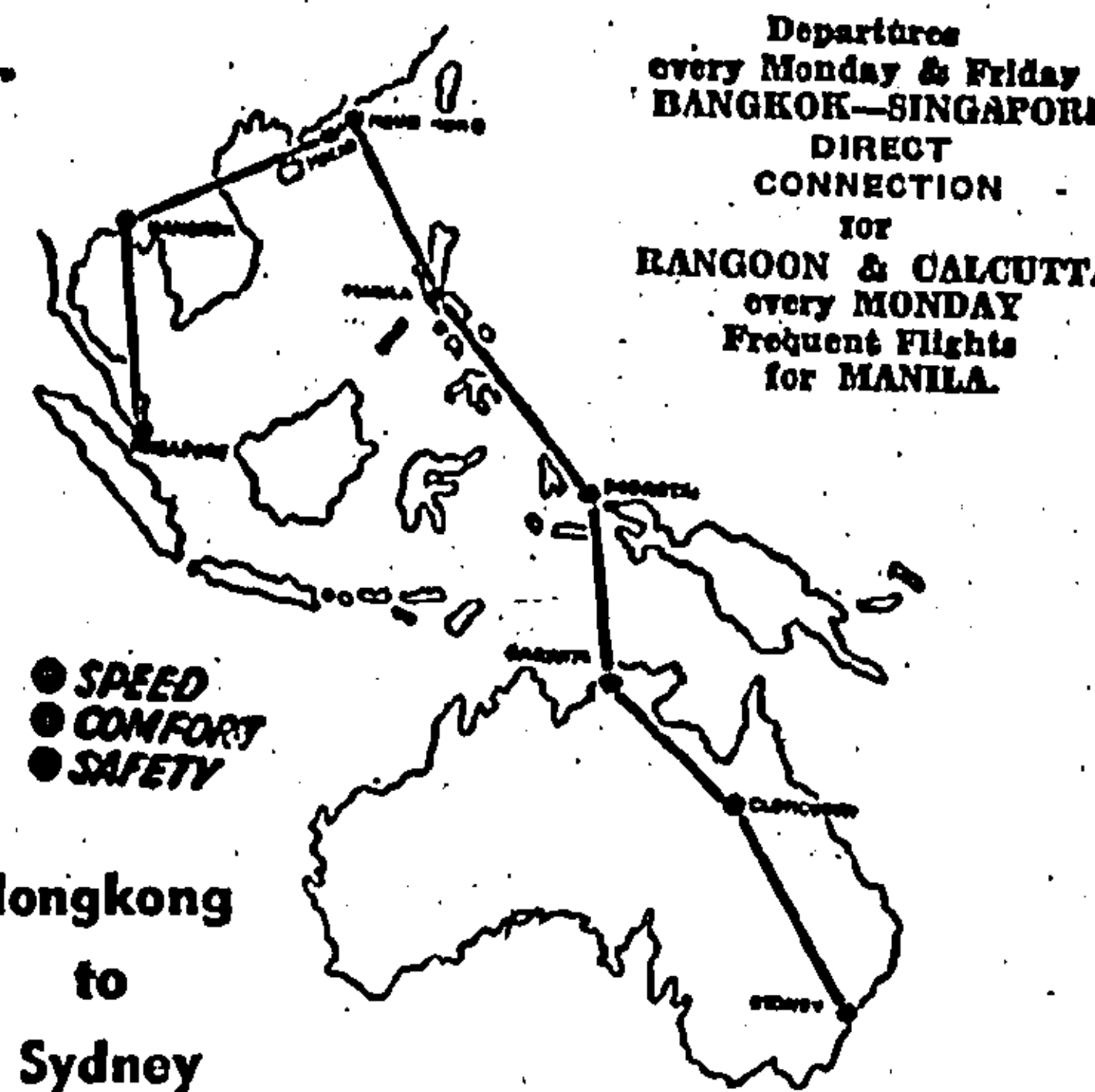
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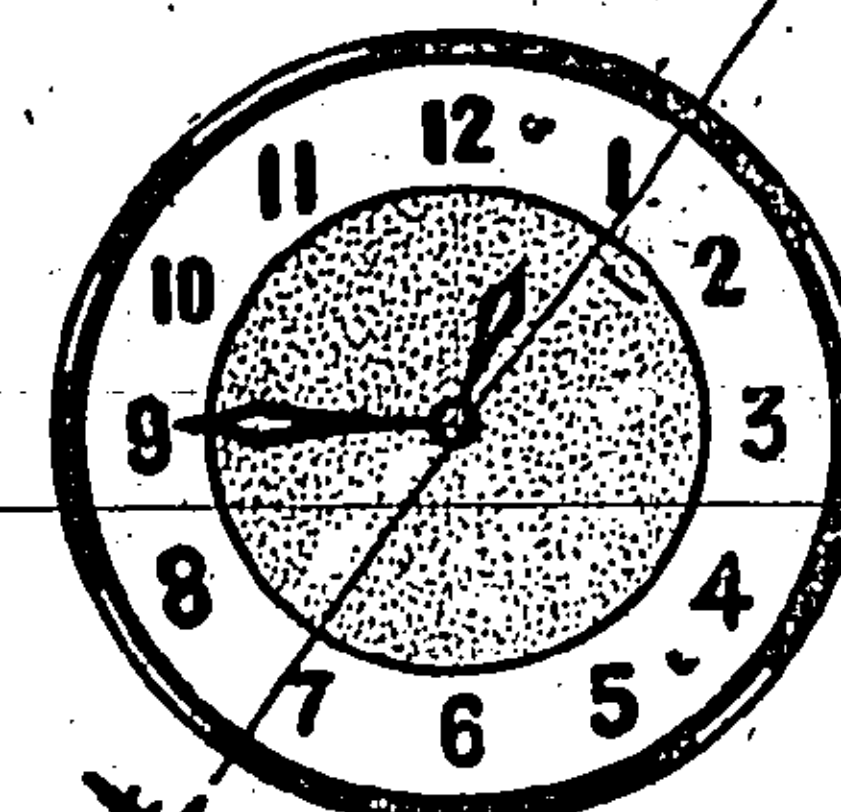
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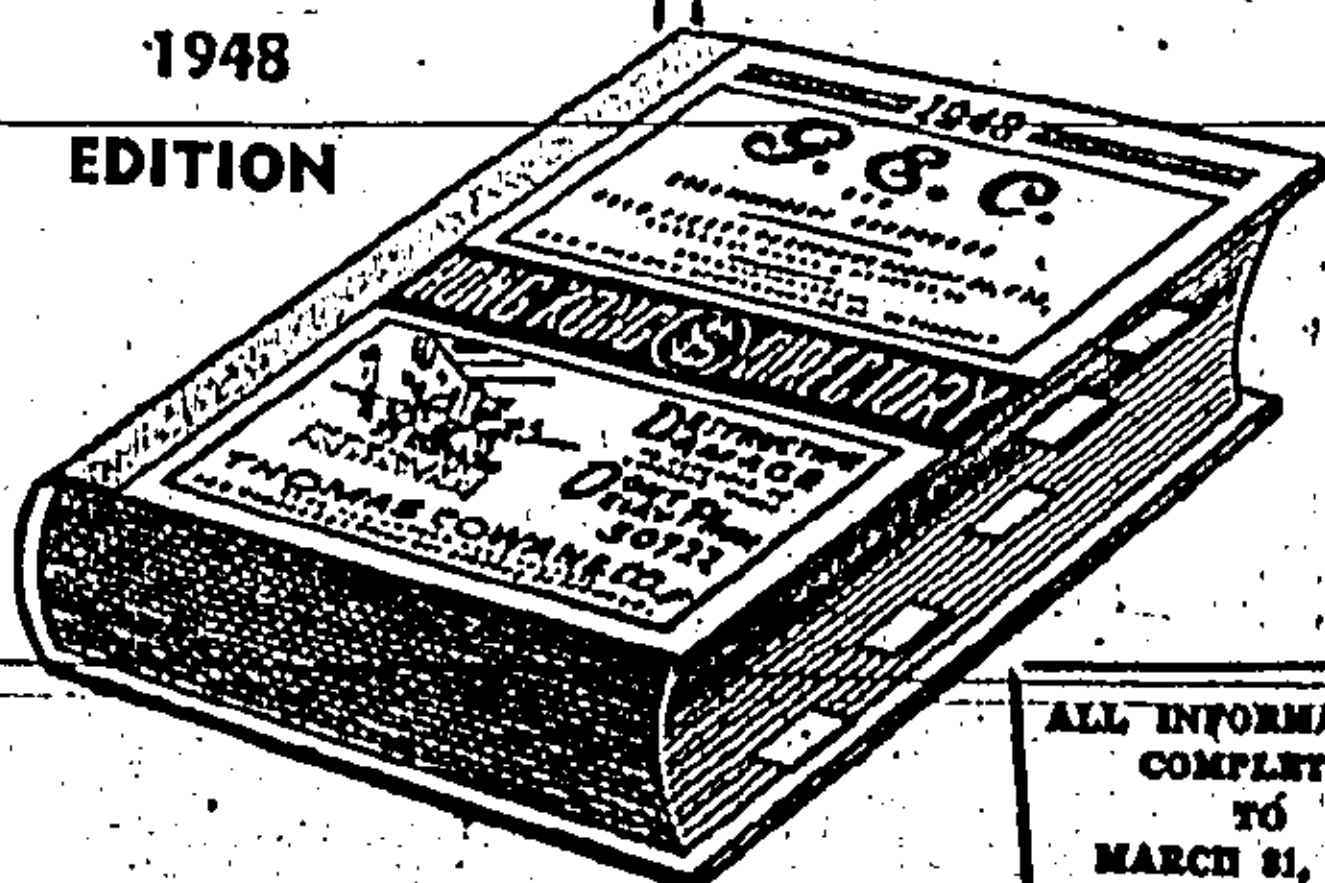
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# THE LIBERAL DESIGN FOR MODERN LIVING



PHILIP FOTHERGILL

What Liberals want is less government, not more. As the Irishman put it, we have suffered too long from an absence of neglect. Today State interference and bossing are everywhere increasing. The strange idea persists that this is progress. In truth, it is retreat. Both have been tried many a time before, and always with deplorable results.

China was stifled by a bureaucracy 2,000 years ago. Rome died of the same disease. Feudal England, too, was planned so that everybody knew his station and had to keep to it. Tyranny is as old as history, and so is anarchy, which is simply letting things rip even when you make it look genteel by Frenchifying it into laissez-faire. The worthwhile struggle, now as ever, is for the freedom of man.

In that sense, at any rate, Liberals are in the vanguard. While we believe in releasing the springs of personal initiative, we recognise, too, that our complex modern society must have certain social safeguards. We believe that what we need today is not control for control's sake, or the scrapping of every control regardless of consequences.

### Planning Curb

Certainly, Liberals are interested in "planning" to guarantee essential social services and standards of living, to stimulate employment to provide the framework in which men and women can organise their own lives and the conditions in which they can prosper and expand.

But Liberals are well aware of the limitations of "planning". We take a high view of the importance of the individual, and a modest estimate of the ability of even the greatest administrators to arrange the details of other folk's lives for them.

The most important problem on the home front is Employment. But mere exhortations from the Cabinet and poster campaigns from the Board of Trade make no more impression on our stolid workfolk than snow on the Equator.

One practical answer is proclaimed in the Liberal policy of "Ownership for All," which is based upon the belief that industrial conditions can be neither just, vigorous, nor free unless property and power are widely spread.

All today pay lip-service to equality of opportunity. But how can this principle work in a system, which the Tories have so long defended, where property is concentrated in the hands of so few? How is it possible when, under the system, the Socialists are setting up the plum jobs in the nationalised industries tend to go to loyal "party members"?

It is far-reaching Liberal proposals which make industrial ownership a reality, put an end to private monopoly, give fair play to the small man in business.

### Monopoly Curb

It is Liberal policy which offers safeguards against the abuses of State monopoly. There are some glaring examples. There is the suppression by Socialists of long-established profit-sharing schemes in the gas industry. Liberals would immediately restore and develop these admirable reforms. Liberals would tackle in a really radical way the problem of British coal, greatest of all our natural resources. There is a fantastic and fatal concentration of all authority for this vital industry in the hands of one central board in London.

Few would seriously suggest returning the mines to their former owners.

The right thing would be to decentralise. Groups of collieries, under competent management, should be allowed to apply their own policy, make their own decisions, and compete in price and service with other groups.

### Compulsion Curb

Liberals stand for government by consent. In a civilised society there must be a code of law to protect the rights of the citizen and to create the conditions of progress. Outside that sphere of just law there should be no compulsion except in a national emergency.

Two recent forms of compulsion are in conflict with this Liberal principle—the direction of labour and conscription in time of peace. The direction of labour as a way of securing a redistribution of our industrial population is inhumane and ineffective.

The fact that the Government is at present using its powers only tentatively should not blind us to the fact that it took the powers because it knew in its heart that they will have to be used much more fully when the economic consequences of Socialism begin to produce rising unemployment.

As to conscription, nobody denies the danger of the international situation or the need for national preparedness. But there is no basis at all for the impression that the Government seeks to create—that conscription and military efficiency are the same thing.

There are millions of men in Britain with first-hand experience of conscription who know that conscription cloaks lazy thinking and downright inefficient practice. It is another example of the pretence that compulsion is the royal remedy for success; whereas, in fact, it is merely the last resort of failure.

The proper answer to the military problem is to merge the Armed Forces, improve the pay and conditions of service, and build up a powerful, highly trained and long-term service of volunteers.

The same ideas of effective freedom need to be worked out on yet another plane. For many years our fellow citizens in Scotland and Wales have had a reasonable grievance against direction from London. With almost every Act the populations of these two countries have become more dependent upon the central Government. As the business of Parliament accumulates, so the handling, and even the discussion, of their own special problems becomes more casual and perfunctory.

### Home Rule

The Liberal answer is to give greater freedom and flexibility to the method of government. A new Parliament Act is needed to set up Scottish and Welsh Legislatures with power to deal with all matters of special concern to them.

But whatever we do at home the future prosperity of Britain is bound up with that of the world outside. Thanks to Liberal inspiration, the British Commonwealth stands today as the most important experiment in international co-operation the world has even seen.

Bound together not by any cast-iron Constitution but by ties of liberty and fraternity, these democratic nations have a mighty lesson to teach mankind. Together they provide one of the vital foundations of world peace. No action which Britain may be called upon to take in Europe or elsewhere should be carried out without the full co-operation and approval of the Dominions.

### European Rule

Liberals wholeheartedly respond to Mr. Churchill's moving appeal for the creation of a United Europe. But for Liberals neither Europe, the Empire, nor America is the whole world, and peace will not be established until a world authority has been created to which all nations voluntarily submit.

United Europe and the United Nations point in the right direction. But no European Union can last, no American plan for world recovery can succeed, no international order can be established unless the domestic principles and policies of Liberalism are applied. There must be a charter of human rights, proper standards of living, social protection against exploitation and insecurity. Restrictive practices must go and that, of course, means the reduction and ultimate abandonment of tariffs. The United Europe idea is bedevilled now by the Ottawa Policy.

### Rule By Man

Above all, international policy must take account of the individual and, within the framework of just law, release the springs of personal initiative.

And so we come back again to Man himself, the finally decisive factor in every human institution. Right under the noses of the Liberals, the smallest tinker and enthrones him in the centre of the world stage—in the position of the greatest importance under God. The Liberal is the tinker's champion whether he be black or white, Jew or Gentile.

## The Last Commissioner For Palestine

By J. L. HAYS

Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Gordon Cunningham, our last High Commissioner in Palestine, is the type of Briton of whom one is always proud in mixed company overseas.

He looks good. He sounds good. Sir Alan is always beautifully tailored, usually in dark pin-stripes.

He is slim enough and broad-shouldered enough to look taller than he really is. His grey hair shines over a keen face, ruddy and finely marked by outdoor living. An American colleague once told me after we had left Sir Alan's Government House among the pine trees on the hilltop overlooking Jerusalem: "He had better keep away from the States or they will be having him in one of those 'men of distinction' advertisements."

### Kindly Host

During the last two years I met hundreds of people invited to Government House—American correspondents, visiting Zionist leaders, Arab notables, British officers of more senior rank than their host, diplomats and many members of international committees of inquiry into Palestine.

Some, flattered by the invitation, went readily. Some pretended it was a bit of a bother; but I never met one who had not later something pleasant to say about our High Commissioner.

The fact is Sir Alan, in conversation about Palestine, had only gentleness and kindness and a wry humour.

He once saw me at a time when his policemen and soldiers were being killed by terrorists at the rate of one a day. He had nothing bitter to say even then.

although his blue eyes were cold with anger.

"You know, Hays," he said, "there was a way to solve this awful problem. If both sides had only left it to us, if there had not been outside interference, we could have brought them together eventually by getting concessions from them in turn over a period of years."

### Generous Views

"It might have taken a long time, perhaps, but it was the only way, and it would have produced the only peaceful, lasting solution."

Who was it who once said that only British generals in Palestine had shown humanity? No matter, but both Arabs and Jews agree on that point at least. Certainly Sir Alan always held far more generous views on Jewish immigration from war-torn Europe than any of his officials—or perhaps than he was permitted to implement.

### He Regrets

Sir Alan, I know, also deeply regretted that no real leaders emerged after the war from among the younger Arabs. Sir Alan regretted that at his receptions—"Command, Performance," he called them—Arab and Jewish leaders would never mix.

He told me: "They would do so, perhaps, if I were able to bring them together outside Government House—away from British officials—but..."

The "but" in Sir Alan's three years in Palestine has been the security situation, constant fear of terrorist attacks as were made against some of his predecessors. I do not suppose Sir Alan ever walked down a Jewish street at the time he has been in Palestine. Not that he did not want

to get nearer the peoples he was sent to rule, but like a good soldier he had to accept, albeit reluctantly, the security advice of his subordinates who were responsible for his safety.

### Armed Escort

Even for the mile and a half ride—mostly through British security zones—from Government House to the King David Hotel, joint headquarters of Lieutenant-General G. H. A. MacMillan and the Palestine Government Secretariat, Sir Alan was allocated an olive-green Palestine police armoured car to escort his big black Rolls-Royce.

On journeys in the country he was joined by a second armoured car—and a wireless truck packed with police Tommy-guns.

His guard at Government House never dropped below company strength. From watch-towers machine-gunners covered every inch of the formal gardens.

### A Busy Life

Almost certainly there has never been a King's representative with so little social life. Only very rarely was he able to indulge his love of chamber music by attending concerts of the local society.

But in the spacious wooded grounds, behind barbed wire and watched over always by his guards, Sir Alan had ample scope and for his favourite exercise, sawing logs—"the best exercise in the world."

## Miracle Cures Claimed

Madrid, May 29. A 64-year-old Madrid woman, suffering from paralysis on the left side of her body, rose from her wheel chair and walked up the steps to the platform in the parade ground of the Royal Palace today.

A miracle cure was claimed. Mrs. Fulgencia Vas Sanchez rose from her chair during the blessing of the sick. She told Reuters afterwards that she had been unable to walk or dress herself. Now she could walk by herself.

The cure, it was claimed, was a climax to a pilgrimage to the Portuguese shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Two other miracles were also claimed. A four-year-old boy and a 35-year-old woman, who had a paralytic stroke three months ago as a result of a Caesarean operation, were

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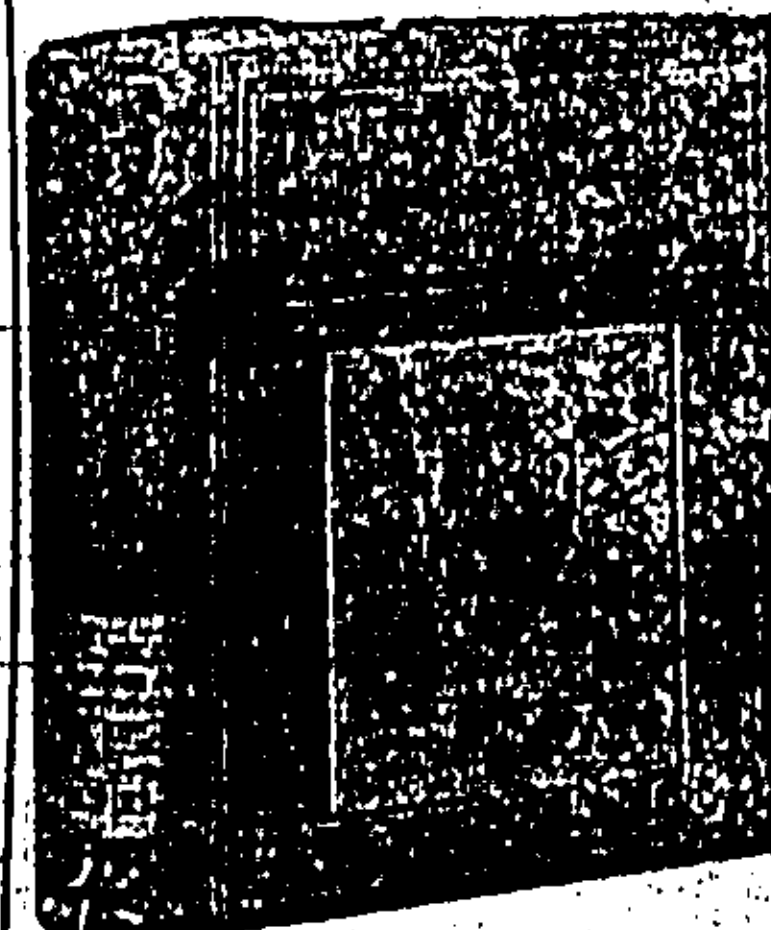


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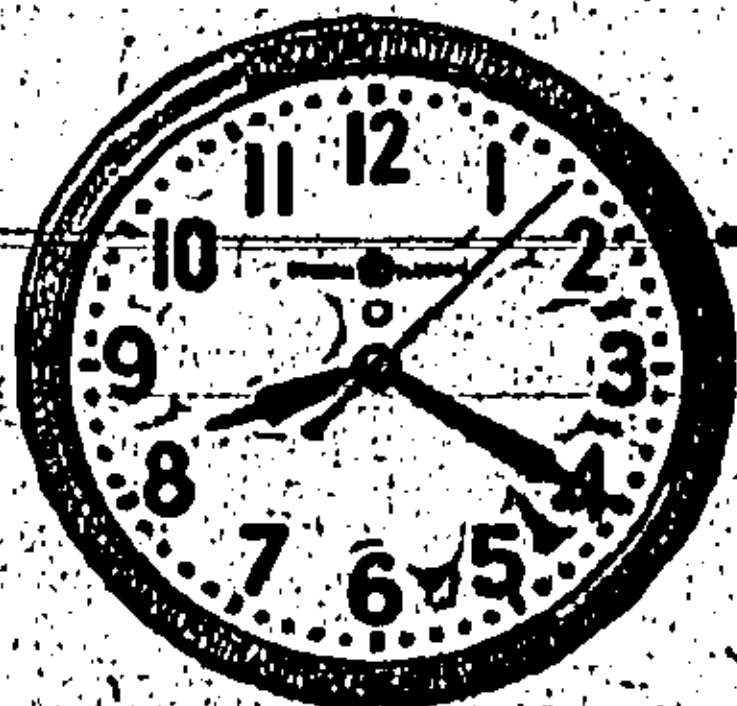
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UNITED NATIONS AGAIN APPEALS TO PALESTINE  
Stop Fighting For Four-Week Period

## Gromyko Outburst Against Britain

Lake Success, May 29.  
M. Andrei Gromyko, Soviet delegate to the United Nations, strongly opposed the new British resolution on Palestine when the Security Council resumed its "cease fire" debate here today, following which the Council appealed to Arabs and Jews to stop fighting for four weeks.

Gromyko said the resolution, which proposed a month's truce and a general embargo on arms for Palestine, was unsatisfactory on these main grounds:

1.—It was one-sided and favoured the Arabs.  
2.—It could not be accepted by the Jews and would therefore remain merely as a "paper decision."

In an unusually bitter attack on Britain, M. Gromyko said that its policy in Palestine had been "sheer hypocrisy" from the start. It was a "game" which tended to prevent the establishment of independent states in Palestine and to ensure the continuation of a semi-colonial regime.

He said: "M. Gromyko has descended into vulgar abuse, imputation of motives and general vilification. This is quite common with him when he is not quite sure of his ground and has no good arguments to present."

He asked: "What do the sponsors of enforcement intend to do if they are defied? I would like to hear from those who think that the British resolution does not go far or fast enough. How far are they prepared to go?"

"Are they prepared to send troops to Palestine? If so, what do they think it will effect? Will they put forces between the warring factions and do they think this will bring the parties together?"

## Difficult Slope

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"Chapter 7 provides for the use of force in any threats to peace, breaches of peace and acts of aggression," Sir Alexander continued.

"Let us not try and substitute the United Nations for the British in Palestine. The world knows what little effect we have. The Arabs and Jews must live together in peace. No settlement will be lasting and none will bring peace unless both parties realise that they need friendly cooperation."

## Stop Fighting Call

M. Fernand Van Langenhove, of Belgium, pledged his support

## MEN NOBODY WANTED

Manila, May 30.  
The Russian Consul-General in Shanghai, it was reliably reported here today, has agreed to take into custody five Russians whom the Philippine immigration authorities have recently declared undesirable aliens. The Russians could not be deported because no Russian authorities abroad would accept them.—Reuter.

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## Petrol Fire At Airport

Nicosia, Cyprus, May 29.  
Firemen today fought 5,000 gallons of blazing petrol at the airport here for several hours before they controlled the flames.

Eighteen American aircraft, standing by to evacuate Americans from the Near East, were refuelling at the fields. They were undamaged.

The cause of the fire is not yet known.—Reuter.

## Handed Back To Russians

Berlin, May 30.  
An official British spokesman today confirmed that Colonel J. D. Tassolev, Russian deserter, has been handed back to the Russians in Berlin but denied that this was in exchange for a British subject held by the Russians.

The spokesman said that Tassolev was flown to Berlin and delivered to the Russians on May 29 "at his own request."

He claimed that there was no connection between this delivery and the handing over by the Russians to the British of Igor Klein, Russian-born former liaison officer with the British Control Commission in Berlin.—Associated Press.

## "Malevolent Forces Abroad"

Shanghai, May 29.  
The United States Consul-General, John M. Cabot, speaking at the Memorial Day service here today lashed out at "malevolent forces abroad" in taking official cognizance of the recent anti-American activities of Chinese college students.

Mr. Cabot emphasised that Chinese and Americans alike are fighting to uphold freedom and added: "In many lands today our wartime Allies are joining with us in memory of those Americans who died in our joint efforts to free their countries from a tyrant's grasp. Unhappily, Chinese students who might well be here with us today are instead participating in anti-American demonstrations, misled by the sinister propaganda of another tyranny."

"Their leaders come from a great university largely supported by contributions from the United States. They have been led to believe we are remanding Japan. They do not realise we have left Japan not a single combat ship nor a single airplane or tank, not a single man in her once arrogant army and navy — the Japan of today has nothing more formidable than a few unarmed patrol boats and some police rifles."

"They do not seem to realise that Japan has been deprived of the industries to make weapons or bases from which to launch aggression. They think Japan will again attack China but they forget the imperialism which today holds China's richest provinces in its clutches."

The Consul emphasised that the United States policy in Japan is closely following the Potsdam Declaration "in order that they and not we may shoulder the burden of supplying the Japanese markets."—United Press.

## Michael May Wed This Week

Lausanne, May 30.  
Ex-King Michael and Anne may fly to Athens early next week to be wed there, probably next Saturday or Sunday, according to a source close to the ex-King today.

However, he emphasised that these plans are provisional and must be agreed to by Anne when he arrives here.

If there is any hitch, he said, Michael hopes the wedding will come off right here.

This source indicated that these plans were mostly Michael's. He said the whole arrangement depended on what Anne says when he gets here because there had been no real "consultations between them on plans."

If Anne is not agreeable to the plans, it is hoped the wedding will be held in the Greek Orthodox Chapel here.—United Press.

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"TREVEAN"	Singapore, Penang, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam) Hamburg	31st May
"ORBITA"	Shanghai & Japan	2nd June
"TREVISE"	Shanghai & Japan	4th June
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"NANKIN"	Japan & Shanghai	In port
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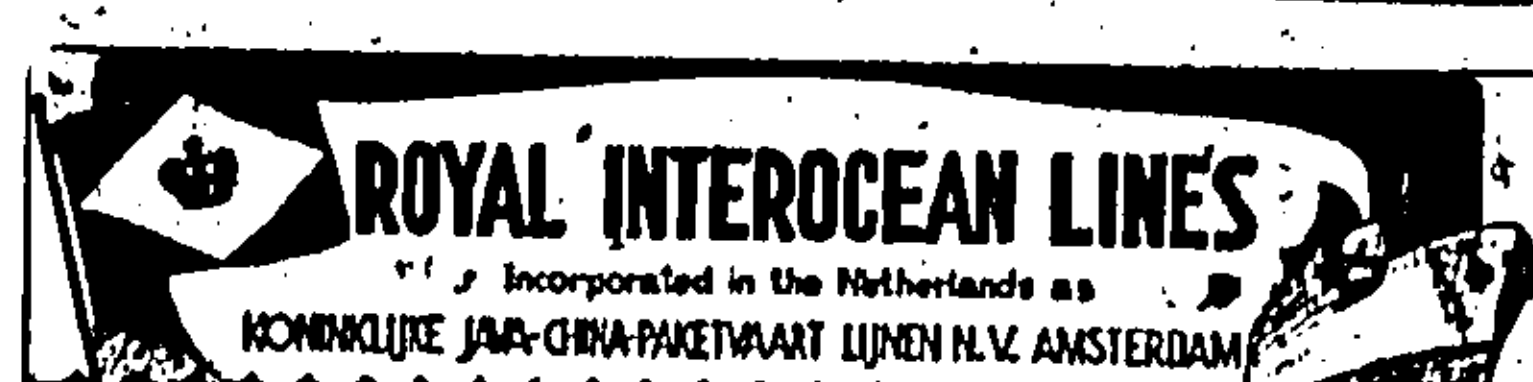
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Arrivals	Sailings
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Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Sailings
"RIDDERKERK" In port	to Europe via Straits 31st May.
"MARIEKERK" from Europe 5th June.	to Europe via Straits 7th July.
"MOLENKERK" from Europe 20th June.	to Europe via Straits 20th July.

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## ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	17th June	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"

## SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	23rd June	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
Atlantic Coast via San Francisco & Los Angeles	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"
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## Synthetic Rubber Treads

New York, May 29. Tire treads made of a new synthetic rubber outwear the best natural rubber "possibly by as much as 30 percent," the United States Rubber Company said today.

Herbert E. Smith, President of the Company, explained that the new synthetic is made by polymerization of butadiene and styrene at lower temperatures than previously used.

"This looks as the most important development in synthetic rubber research since GR-S, the original general purpose synthetic, was put into production," Smith said.

He declared the implications were worldwide and many. If the new synthetic, now being tested, proves as durable as promised, the United States will be much less dependent on the importation of natural rubber. The new synthetic was developed by the Rubber, Chemical and Petroleum Industries, under direction of the Office of Rubber Reserve, and is being produced in limited quantities at Government plants in Texas and Louisiana, Smith said.—Associated Press.

## CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, May 30. All grains turned downward on reports of rain in the wheat belt and a substantial cut in July export allocations. Wheat closed 1 1/4-1 1/2 lower. July—\$2.34 1/2-1/4. September—\$2.33-2.32 3/4. December—\$2.33 1/2-1/4. Corn was 1 1/2-1 3/4 lower. Oats were 1/2-1 1/4 lower. Soybeans were 1/2-3/4 lower.—Associated Press.

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## Full Working By End Of Year

Washington, May 29.

Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, head of the Economic Cooperation Administration, said today the agency had defeated Soviet propaganda attacks on the Marshall Plan in Europe.

"I have heard enough to convince me that there is a growing confidence in Europe that we really aim at their recovery," he told correspondents. "We have defeated the Communist propaganda and its claim that our real objective is to make colonies out of the European countries."

Mr. Hoffman said the 17 Marshall Plan countries have been asked to meet an early June deadline in filling their full first-year programme for recovery.

He said that he is asking the countries, through their Paris organization, to "push ahead promptly" with their plans for the use of American aid.

So far the Administration has assigned gifts and loans totalling \$1,328 million for the first quarter aid to 14 of the nations, including Western Germany. Actually, shipments of food, cotton, fuel and other goods so far authorized total \$162,747,087.

Despite the speed-up effort, Mr. Hoffman said, the Administration will not be functioning like the recovery organization "we think it should be" until the October-December quarter.

## No Maximum

Meantime, the bulk of shipments would be grain, cotton, coal and other items needed to keep the people fed and the present factories running. The Administration would not set maximum prices under which foreign countries must buy, he added, despite the potential impact of heavy exports on scarce American items.

## Sacrifices

Mr. Glen H. Craig, acting Director of the ECA's Industry Division, said the cuts would "come all down the line," but added that until the increased defence needs were clearer, the size of the cuts could not be estimated.

Mr. Craig pointed to the 70-group Air Force programme, which recently received Congressional approval, but which has not yet gone into production, as typical.

He predicted that the priority of defence production would require "sacrifices" in the ECA's plans to speed up allocations to Europe of finished steel, aluminium, copper, steel production machinery, carbon black, goods wagons and electrical equipment.

He said these items, and smaller amounts of leather goods, textiles and sulphur, were the principal materials scheduled for early shipment to Europe.

The allocations for the second quarter of operations beginning July 1, he said, "could be mainly machinery, designed to increase European production."

This machinery would be purchased outside the United States whenever possible he added, mentioning Canada, Italy, Germany and Belgium as possible sources for some types of machines.—Reuter.

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## Pakistan Step On Licences

Karachi, May 29. The Pakistan Government in an official announcement today removed licensing restrictions for imports and extended it from the Commonwealth Sterling area (except South Africa) to all soft currency countries.

But this liberalisation of the import policy is in some measure experimental and the term of the open general licence has been fixed for Dec. 31, 1948.

Consequently, the Pakistan Government automatically evaluated up to Dec. 31 all dollar and hard currency licences freshly granted in the current shipping period.

More precision has been given to hard currency licensing by the introduction of categories of goods for which alone licensing would be granted.—Associated Press.

## Soviet Fair In Helsinki

Helsinki, May 29. Soviet Russia opened up its biggest industrial fair since the war in Helsinki today.

In the exposition hall were products from every big industrial undertaking in the Soviet Union. The machine tools are those that will be most admired by connoisseurs but the Russian cars just about stealing the picture. Among them the Zis models are interesting.

The Zis models are very much like the Packard cars and one has the suspicion that the Russian model is rather freely copied after the American one. The cars, shining with chromium plating, have automatic heating and the windows go up and down by hydraulic pressure when you press a button.—Associated Press.

## FINNISH EXPORT OF NEWSPRINT

Helsinki, May 29. During January, February, March and April this year, 6,125 metric tons of newsprint were exported from Finland, the United Press learned officially today. Only 166 metric tons of this quantity was sent to the Soviet Union.

During the first four months of this year, export was considerably below normal because of the ice-blocked Finnish harbours, officials said.

No shipments went to the United States before spring, but last month deliveries were resumed.—United Press.

## ANGLO-INDIAN TALKS

London, May 29. Sir R. K. Shreeve, C.B.E., Indian Finance Minister, arrived in London today to lead the delegation for a conference with the British authorities on sterling balances. He was accompanied by Sir Chintaman Deshmukh, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, and other members of the delegation.

A further party will arrive next week. The talks will begin on June 7.—Reuter.

## ONLY 3,000 UNEMPLOYED

Canberra, May 30. Unemployment in Australia is at a record low level, Minister for Labour E. J. Holloway said today. He said the demand for workers has reached a record high, and shows every sign of continuing.

At the end of April only 3,007 persons were receiving unemployment benefits.—Associated Press.

## GOODS FOR FINLAND

Washington, May 30. The United States today approved a \$3,890,000 shipment of industrial goods to Finland. The Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Charles Sawyer, said he had approved the granting of licences for shipping power generators, machine tools, steel products and other materials. He expected to grant further approvals in the near future, he added.—Reuter.

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# PARKER, LANDRY WIN FRENCH TENNIS TOURNNEY

Paris, May 29.  
America's Frankie Parker and France's Mme. Nelly Landry won the men's and women's singles championships of the French international lawn tennis tourney, respectively today.

## Turks Alerted

Ankara, May 29.  
The Turkish authorities have ordered a stricter watch along the frontier because of reports that "foreign agents" have been filtering into the country.  
People living near the border have been warned to be on the lookout against "the Communist danger."  
Recent reports have spoken of "agents affiliated to underground organizations in Azerbaijan, Syria and Iraq" crossing into Turkey. One man was stated to have been arrested near Alexandretta on the Syrian frontier while in possession of maps and propaganda leaflets.—Reuter.

## A Vote Against Controls

Sydney, May 29.  
The first votes counted in the Australian referendum on central Government control of rents and prices today showed a majority against the Government's proposals.  
The first 150,000 votes in New South Wales showed a 25,000 majority against the proposal, and this trend was borne out by early figures for other states.  
The issue is an alteration of the Commonwealth constitution to transfer from the states to the Federal Government the powers of control over rents, prices and charges.  
The term "charges" has not been specifically defined by the Government.  
Voting was compulsory and there were 4,700,000 electors on the roll. A minority of both voters and among the individual states is necessary for the proposals to pass.—Reuter.

## HYDERABAD SETTLEMENT REPORTED

Hyderabad, May 30.  
A reliable source revealed today that settlement has been reached to end the warfare between Hyderabad and India and that the formal signing will take place about June 5 in New Delhi.  
The source said the settlement was in the form of a treaty. It indicated that Hyderabad State, which is ruled by a Muslim Nizam, will accede to Hindu-dominated India, but refused to give details.  
Although ruled by a Muslim, Hyderabad's population is predominantly Hindu. A fact which, led to Indian pressure and their hostilities to force the state to join the Indian dominion.  
Other sources said Hyderabad Prime Minister Lalki had brought the agreement here from New Delhi.  
Meanwhile Hyderabad continued to suffer under the blockade imposed by India and gasoline could be obtained only by a special permit for essential use.  
The bus service had been cut to 25 per cent of normal and almost no private automobiles were on the roads today. The railroad service continued as usual but no freight trains were running.  
The press war between India and Hyderabad newspapers had relaxed markedly.—United Press.

## ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFIC

Messina, Sicily, May 29.  
Matteo Vaccarella, jewellery store owner, was charged today with illicit traffic in arms for the Jewish forces in Palestine.  
The police said he was caught by Customs guards last night on the waterfront where he was dealing with an unidentified person, allegedly for the sale of automatic pistols and machine-guns.  
The police said that the man who escaped was a member of the crew of the Jewish ship Kedmal which sailed last night from Messina.—United Press.

New York, May 29.  
C. V. Whitney's Vulcan Forge beat the famed Coalton in the \$20,000 Withers Stakes at Belmont today, but at Camden, Coalton's stablemate, Citation, won the \$20,000 Jersey Stakes easily.—Associated Press.

## Vietnam "Associate" State

Paris, May 30.  
The recently-formed Central Vietnam Government may be incorporated into the French Union as an "associated state", an Agence France Presse report said today, quoting "well-informed sources".  
The incorporation, the agency added, might result from the talks between M. Faure Bollaert, the French High Commissioner for Indo-China, and the ex-Emperor, Bao Dai, of Annam, who took place on June 5 on board a cruiser in the Bay of Along.  
Such an agreement would place the responsibility for Vietnamese defence on France, which would command the new Government's armed forces, the report said.  
France, these sources added, would also represent Vietnam abroad. M. Bollaert was said to have objected to the term "dominion" to designate Vietnam's future status. He claimed that France could find an original expression in its own language to describe the link.  
The agency added that the meeting would be held in the cruiser Duguay-Trouin. The Commissioner is afterwards expected to return to Saigon to review the talks. Bao Dai will probably leave for London by way of Bangkok.—Reuter.

## Victim "Of Folly" Buried

Long Meadow, Mass., May 29.  
General Omar N. R. Bradley, told the nation today that the war dead it honours were partly victims of American "indifference and shameful inaction."  
The Army Chief of Staff warned that the United States must never again use temporary expedients to "avoid difficult decisions that come with leadership or heavy burdens that come with defence."  
Speaking at the burial of Corporal Edward G. Wilkin, Medal of Honour winner killed in Germany, General Bradley said, "This man, who died today, is partly a victim of your folly. He is a victim of the folly of all peace-loving peoples who turned their backs on the rest of the world."  
—United Press.

Annapolis, May 29.  
President Truman watched Navy defeat Army 10-0 in baseball today. Three Navy crews also defeated Cornell in a regatta on the Severn.—River.—United Press.

## Rain Again Holds Up County Cricket

London, May 29.  
County cricket, which last Wednesday suffered its worst wash-out since before the war, was again seriously affected by the weather today when not a ball could be bowled at five grounds in the south of England.

Play was possible, however, at the five grounds in the Midlands and the North.  
The Organising Committee at Wells must feel that they are being particularly badly treated by the clerk of the weather. This is the third year in succession that the fixture has been interfered with by rain and the "gate" is not insured.

The hold-up at Lords, where Middlesex were due to play Lancashire, prevented thousands from seeing the 10-year-old bowling discovery, Malcolm Hilton, and practically ruled out Jack Robertson's chances of completing a thousand runs in his first season.  
Only Len Hutton mastered the turning ball on a soft pitch, in Yorkshire's match with Sussex at Sheffield. Sussex were dismissed in a little over two hours for 28, following an opening stand of 40 and then Hutton batted with characteristic artistry and brilliance.

He raced to the first century of his career and his third of the season in the quiet time of two and a half hours and he was still unbeaten at the close with 48 runs after setting three and a quarter hours and hitting

## TESTING OLYMPIC TRACK



British Olympic prospects test the new temporary track laid outside Wembley Stadium for the forthcoming Olympic Games. From the left they are Derek Pugh, Olympic 440 yard sprinter; David Ross, Olympic mile runner; A. T. Liffen; and Peter Mallan, junior 440 yard prospect.

## US MILLIONAIRE WINS BRITISH GOLF TITLE

Sandwich, May 29.  
Frank Stranahan, from Toledo, Ohio, muscular heir to the spark plug millions, won the British Amateur Golf championship by defeating Charles Stowe, a £7 weekly British mechanic, in a driving rainstorm by five and four today.

## Shanghai Smallpox Outbreak

Manila, May 30.  
The Quarantine Unit of the Combined United States-Philippines Public Health Service said a strict examination of incoming plane and boat passengers from China ports had been imposed as a result of outbreak of smallpox in Shanghai.  
It said reports reaching here had shown 25 cases in Shanghai over a ten-day period, resulting in 57 deaths. Other China ports were beginning to be affected.  
One suspected case was found last week aboard a United States Army inter-island vessel.  
Smallpox was virtually unknown in the islands since the Americans institute vaccination and quarantine during the early period of their occupation.—Associated Press.

## Golfer Killed

Rochdale, England, May 30.  
Albert Hill, 57, truck driver, was killed by lightning yesterday while playing golf on links near here.  
His 12-year-old son, Malcolm, who was caddy for him escaped with minor burns.—United Press.

## New Rules To Protect Boxers

Havana, May 30.  
The Cuban sports commission announced new boxing rules to lessen danger of serious injury or death to boxers.

Jose Adan Rodriguez, Director of the Government Commission said "We want to do everything possible to make the sport safer for the participants."

- New regulations include—
1. Boxers must certify they are in perfect condition.
  2. Doctors and members of the boxing board will visit gyms regularly to report on the condition of boxers.
  3. A boxer knocked down must wait for the count of eight before rising.
  4. Only a doctor may attend a knocked-out boxer.
  5. After a knockout, a boxer must wait six weeks before fighting again, and then only after the approval by a commission physician.
  6. A boxer suffering frequent knockouts will be banned from further fights.
  7. Gloves must weigh at least eight ounces.
  8. A boxing board will study the records of all boxers, and those found by their records or physical condition to be unsuited for further fights, will be retired from the ring.
- Associated Press.

Washington, May 29.  
US Foreign Service changes announced by the State Department include Edward W. Martin from Peking to Hankow as Vice-Consul and Edwin C. Rendell from Hanoi, French Indo-China, to Johannesburg, South Africa, as Vice-Consul.—Associated Press.

## Immune To Sword Pricks, But Dies After Operation

Winterthur, Switzerland, May 29.  
Mirin Dajic, the "miraculous Dutchman" who had a sword passed through his body 500 times without effect, has died here after a stomach operation.  
But his disciples claim that the operation, performed after he had swallowed the blade of a sword, was not the cause of death. They say he had a heart attack. "An inquest has been ordered."  
Dajic, gaunt, red-bearded, 35-year-old Dutchman, was known as the "invulnerable propit" who allowed himself to be stabbed through the lungs, liver and kidneys five times nightly, seven days a week, until the police stopped the show.—Reuter.

## NOTTINGHAM MUSTERS 179: AUSSIES 1-77

Nottingham, May 29.  
Nottinghamshire were all out for 179 runs and the Australian tourists had scored 77 for one when rain stopped play on the first day of the match between the county and Australians here.  
Immediately on resumption after lunch, Lindwall took the ball and without an additional run had Hardstaff caught and then yorked Stocks.

## Baseball League Leaders

New York, May 30.  
Major League leaders follow:  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Batting—Boudreau, Cleveland, .371;  
Williams, Boston, .375.  
Runs—Batted in—Williams, Boston;  
Dillmaggio, New York, 32;  
Russo, Detroit, Cleveland, and Williams, Boston, 29.  
Hits—Evers, Detroit, 44; Williams, Boston, 40.  
Doles—Boudreau, Cleveland, 15;  
Majors, Philadelphia, and Platt and Zarilla, St. Louis, 10.  
Triples—Platt, St. Louis, 5; Wertz, Detroit, and Goan and Yost, Washington, 4.  
Home Runs—Keltner, Cleveland, 11;  
Dillmaggio, New York, 10.  
Stolen Bases—Dillinger, St. Louis, 11;  
Tucker, Cleveland, and Goan, Washington, 6.  
Strikeouts—Lemon, Cleveland, 47;  
Trucks, Detroit, 30.  
Pitching—Feller, Philadelphia, won three, lost none, White, Detroit, Killeman and Black, Cleveland, and Seaver, Philadelphia, each won one, lost none.

## No Further Play

After 45 minutes of waiting to see if conditions would improve, it was decided that no further play would be possible and so the Australians finished the day with arrears of 102 but with nine wickets standing.  
**NOTES—1ST INNINGS**  
W. Keaton, c Tallon, b Lindwall, 0  
H. Winrow, b Lindwall, 0  
R. T. Simpson, b Miller, 74  
J. Hardstaff, c Tallon, b Lindwall, 48  
W. Stocks, b Lindwall, 0  
P. Harvey, st Tallon, b Ring, 0  
A. Jenson, b Lindwall, 4  
E. G. Woodhead, not out, 10  
E. A. Meads, c Hassett, b Lindwall, 1  
W. A. Sims, c Lindwall, b Ian Johnson, 8  
H. Butler, st Tallon, b Ring, 4  
Extras, 27  
Total, 179  
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2/13, 3/111, 4/111, 5/116, 6/135, 7/140, 8/159, 9/161.

Baseball League standings follow:

AMERICAN	East	Pitts.
St. Louis	20	11
New York	18	13
Pittsburgh	17	15
Philadelphia	15	16
Washington	15	19
Brooklyn	15	19
Chicago	13	19
Cincinnati	12	21
Philadelphia	10	706
Cleveland	11	9
New York	14	503
St. Louis	15	502
Detroit	17	418
Washington	18	412
Boston	19	412
Chicago	20	412

—Associated Press.

## PIRATES HAVE FIRST WIN OF THE YEAR

New York, May 29.  
In the National League, the Pittsburgh Pirates scored their first 1948 triumph over the league-leading Saint Louis Cardinals 7-3 thanks to sharp pitching by rookie Bob Chalmers. Chalmers scattered five hits. He was never in serious trouble.

Pitcher Johnny Vander Meer and Ewell Blackwell teamed to give the Cincinnati Reds a 3-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs. Two home runs in the third inning scores, and a double by catcher Ray Lamman set up the winning run.

An 11-hit attack and seven-hit pitching by veteran Thornton Lee gave the New York Giants a 7-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.  
Brooklyn played at Boston in a night game, and the Philadelphia Athletics won their seventh straight game, defeating the New York Yankees 6-5 when center fielder Sam Chapman sprinted all the way home from first on a single by catcher Buddy Rosen.  
Using three pitchers to hold the Tigers to three hits, the St. Louis Browns defeated the Detroit team 6-1.

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#### NATIONAL

	R	H	E
Pittsburgh	7	10	1
St. Louis	3	9	2

(Winning pitcher Bob Chalmers)

Washington	1st	5	12	0
Boston	2d	4	9	1

(Winning pitcher Micker Macner)

Washington (2nd game)	3d	7	9	1
Boston	4d	0	11	0

(Winning pitcher Dick Welterworth)—Associated Press

#### AMERICAN

	R	H	E
Philadelphia	3	10	1
New York	5	14	1

(Winning pitcher Bill Dietrich)

Philadelphia	2d	1	5	1
New York	3d	4	7	1

(Winning pitcher Thornton Lee)

St. Louis	4d	4	7	1
Philadelphia	5d	6	4	0

(Winning pitcher Bob Lemon)

St. Louis	6d	6	4	0
Philadelphia	7d	7	11	0

(Winning pitcher Thornton Lee)

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